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SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH MUSIC

ACCENT PONTIAC
2021–2022 Annual Report



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Inside this 2021-2022 Annual Report you will find wonderful pictures and information that attest to the impact of Accent Pontiac in our sixth year of partnership with the Pontiac School District. Accent Pontiac's staff, volunteers, community partners, financial supporters, parents and students continue to create a community of excellence, opportunity and mutual support as we live into our mission of social change through music.

Fall of 2021 saw our return to in-person programming with our two elementary partner schools as well as expansion into Pontiac Middle School following the innovative and creative out-of-school instruction initiated during the worldwide pandemic. Our young musicians enthusiastically jumped back into our signature ensemble learning, frequent performances, and coming together again to create music with their friends.

Building upon aspects of programming developed during the pandemic, Accent Pontiac, in cooperation with community



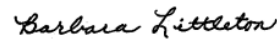
Christina Rowan Zoller
Executive Director, Accent Pontiac



partners, has been able to introduce additional components into its regular structure. Nourishing snacks and a full meal each program day encourage productive lesson time. Homework assistance supports academic growth. Provided transportation contributes to democratic access for all students.

Accent Pontiac's investment in excellent and caring teaching artists is key to our commitment to nurture the musical, academic and social-emotional growth of our students. Within the strength of their relationships with their teachers and peers, our children grow and blossom as musicians and as individuals, gaining skills and mindsets that can help lead to fulfilling lives.

We are proud and grateful for all that has been accomplished during the 2021-2022 program year. Most especially, we are grateful to our entire family of supporters for your continued confidence in Accent Pontiac and your support of our work.



Barbara Littleton
President, Accent Pontiac Board of Directors



MISSION

Strengthening Pontiac's youth and community through equitable access to intensive and consistent music making.



3

school
partners



250

student
participants



11

staff
members



120

volunteers



SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Social Change Through Music in Pontiac, Michigan

General Music *During-school classes with Pontiac partner schools*

Percussion *Bucket Band & Keyboard Instruments*

Brass *Trumpet, Trombone & Euphonium*

Woodwinds *Flute, Clarinet & Saxophone*

Music Production *Beatmaking & Songwriting*

Community Time *Homework Help & Leadership Development*

All programs are free of charge! ☆

A YEAR IN REVIEW

33

**Weeks of
Instruction**

23

**Student
Performances**

7

**Field
Trips**

6

**Guest
Artist Events**

2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS



Relaunch

In September 2021, Accent Pontiac relaunched in-person during and after-school programming with our partner schools in the Pontiac School District after 18 months of alternative programming during the COVID-19 pandemic. With this relaunch, Accent Pontiac's capacity returned to being able to serve approximately 250 Pontiac students with high quality music instruction.

Expansion

In September 2021, Accent Pontiac expanded our partnership with the Pontiac School District to serve 6th - 8th grade students at Pontiac Middle School. With this expansion, Accent Pontiac was able to continue to serve students who joined the program in 2016 as elementary schoolers when they entered middle school.



New Partnerships

In the 2021 - 2022 school year, Accent Pontiac secured new partnerships with M1 Mobility, SevaTruck, and Calvary Lutheran Church, allowing us to offer full meals and transportation support for after-school program participants.

New Office

In October 2021, Accent Pontiac moved our office location to the Flagstar Strand Theatre in downtown Pontiac. Accent Pontiac is proud to be located in the heart of Pontiac!



IMPACT

82%

Musical growth goals on brass, woodwind and percussion instruments were reached by 82% of student participants.

12%

Accent Pontiac students saw an average of 12% growth across the areas of self-awareness, interpersonal skills, social awareness, decision making, and self-management.

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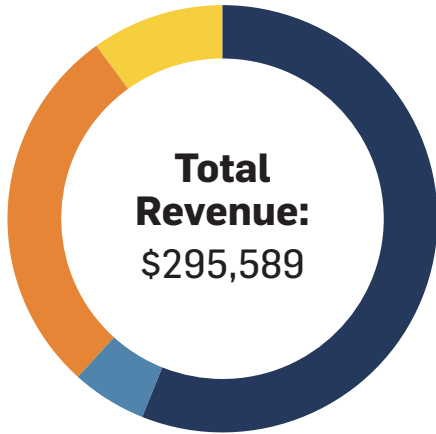
Not only have Accent Pontiac students learned how to play an instrument, it's heartwarming to see them assist one another to be better at their craft. Through music, Accent Pontiac staff teach students to be respectful of themselves and the other band members. Accent Pontiac develops the minds and hearts of our students.

- Cynthia Rush,
Assistant Principal of Pontiac Middle School

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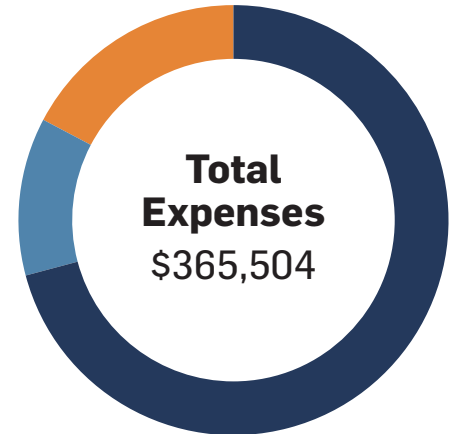
FINANCIALS

Audited Financial statements are available at accentpontiac.org/financials.



- *Grants: \$165,780
- Fundraising Events: \$16,714
- Individual and Corporate Donations: \$83,599
- In-Kind: \$29,496

**An additional \$82,640 in grant funds were received in prior years to support 2021 - 2022 initiatives*



- Program: \$258,966
- Development: \$43,395
- Administrative: \$63,143

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