EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A new energy runs through SMP. This year we challenged our staff, students, and mentors to achieve a higher standard in music education. High school volunteers met more regularly with our teaching artists to learn music and teaching skills that then benefited our young musicians. We were thrilled to see this scaffold approach in action when 4 SMP grads returned as mentors.

Several professional musicians also visited our students to inspire joy in music-making. Wanz, featured in Grammy-award song Thrift Shop, and Latin Grammy award-nominated artist, Jovino Santos Neto, shared their stories with students. Folk artist and Grammy winner, Brandi Carlile chose SMP as this year’s favorite local music non-profit and gave our families concert tickets.

One of our biggest achievements this year has been the strengthening of operational activities. We increased feedback sessions with Teaching Artists, started more conversation with parents, and improved the communications and materials that reflect our students’ SMP work. We look forward to using this momentum to boost our students to new heights.

"Being part of this program has made me so proud of my community. It’s great to know there are so many people with the same passions I have and it has inspired me to work harder to make everything I do better."

- High School Mentoring Musician
WHERE WE ARE NOW

6,935 HOURS OF STUDENTS MAKING MUSIC

OVER 200 VOLUNTEERS ADDED VALUE OF $94K IN VOLUNTEER HOURS

106 Students paired with mentoring musicians

17 Performance and enrichment events

93% SMP students reporting positively enhanced school experience