



BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC



Annual Report

MEET THE MUSIC CENTER

The Music Center creates beautiful music and offers educational, enjoyment, and engaging opportunities to appreciate music. What is truly unique to TMC is our application of music as a tool to create a better Battle Creek/Calhoun County. A merger of non-profits in 2000, plus the addition of other programs, has created a Music Center offering a concentration of music arts: symphony and choral concerts, lessons and classes, ensembles to play in or listen to, collaboration and growth opportunities, life altering experiences, and programs that influence the lives of children and adults of all ages and talent levels.

Music is used to create an environment of equity that enables people of different backgrounds to succeed, allowing fair treatment, access, opportunity, and advancement. Music breaks down barriers and builds up people creating a bond like nothing else. Through music, we can find common ground upon which to support our community.

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Programs

Ars Voce
Battle Creek Symphony
Battle Creek Boychoir
Battle Creek Girls Chorus
Battle Creek Community Chorus
Community Music School
IMPACT/Sojourner Truth Choir

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DEMONSTRATED SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Executive Director,
Susan Balbaugh

\$ OVERVIEW

Total Assets

\$1,792,802

Total Liabilities

\$95,444

Total Change in Net Assets

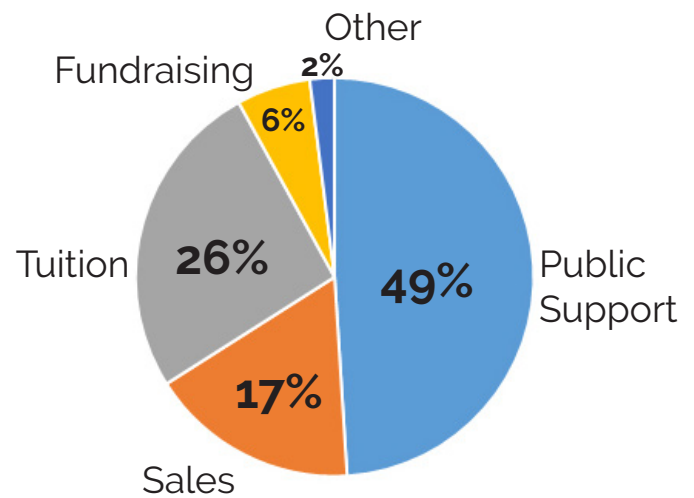
\$5,019

For the 5th year in a row, operations at TMC have broken even or have seen a small surplus.

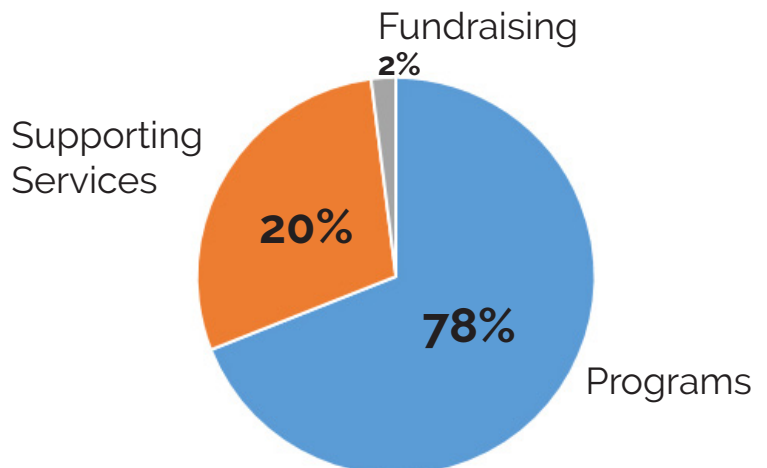
Solid Infrastructure

A multitude of safeguards and best practices have been put into place to prevent unexpected hiccups in the management of the organization. For example, annual reviews take place over 12 months covering all of the main areas of management including inventory, insurance, corporate documents and board minutes, database, bylaws, grant management (including CDP), document retention, committee compliance, HR, safety and sexual harassment training, and an external financial audit. For each area, a board member is paired with a staff member to perform the review to ensure accountability and board oversight.

Income by Type



Expenditures by Function



By the Numbers

8
Symphony
Concerts

76
School
Outreaches

16
Choral
Concerts

8000+
Area
Students
Reached

\$54,290 in
Scholarships
& Financial
Aid

900+
Community
Music School
Students

111 different volunteers provided 1314 hours of volunteer time. This is about a 45% increase in the number of different volunteers and a 20% increase in total hours.



CREATIVE ARTISTIC DIRECTORSHIP

Artistic Director,
Anne Harrigan

Music Education

From casual dabbling to a concentrated curriculum, training in music provides a wealth of benefits--from helping children to do better in school to keeping mature minds sharp. The Community Music School has helped students of all ages and skill levels pursue their musical dreams. While the majority are age 18 or under, 25% are adult learners. Several choral programs provide similar benefits including three youth choirs and the popular Battle Creek Community Chorus which ended the fiscal year with a whopping 52 members. The free after-school program, IMPACT, saw record numbers of participants in drumming and piano classes. For only the second time ever, the Sojourner Truth Choir took the show on the road with a Tennessee tour.

Building Community

The Music Center creates beautiful music and offers engaging educational opportunities to appreciate diverse works from different cultures. Our mission, "Building community through music," guides our efforts to create a better Battle Creek and Calhoun County. COVID-19 has affected our ability to meet this mission objective leading us to discover creative ways to serve. This annual report time frame falls in the middle of the pandemic and therefore reflects our most recent "normal" year. We are currently working on an annual report based off our 2020 audit and a review and understanding of the actual impact of COVID-19 on the entire season.

Of the 76 school outreaches, 20 were instrument petting zoos. A survey asked the question whether or not the students would be interested in joining band, orchestra, or choir. Of the 2nd graders before the petting zoos, 19% said no, 51% said maybe, 34% said yes. After the petting zoos, 10% said no, 25% said maybe, 64% said yes.