

## Dear Friends,

At Community Music School, we believe that every child with a passion for music should have access to high quality after school music education. For 25 years, CMS's special mission has been to bring that opportunity to students with limited resources in Wake County, for just \$1 per class. We are thrilled to report that we are going strong and delivering our mission to more students than ever before.

In December of 2017, we adopted a 5-year strategic plan that outlined an exciting vision for the future. That vision included doubling the number of students served and increasing fundraising to support that vision. Since then, in less than two years, CMS has made significant progress and we are almost 75% of the way to our 5-year goal of doubling enrollment! Our supporters, like you, have also stepped up to fund that increased enrollment.

Our devoted professional faculty work tirelessly to deliver engaging and personalized learning experiences. In the words of 10-year old drum student Felo, "CMS helps me to follow my dreams and reminds me to always try my best."

We are so proud of all our students: they work hard and go on to achieve extraordinary things. This past year, CMS students have performed on stage at the North Carolina Symphony, auditioned for America's Got Talent, and won first prize at a local piano competition. Our graduates have been accepted into premier music programs for college, including the Berklee College of Music in Boston and UNC- Greensboro. Others have forged successful careers in fields as diverse as social work and international relations. Virtually all our seniors graduate from high school and pursue some form of higher education - a remarkable achievement and a tribute to the value of music education.

Despite CMS's great efforts, our community needs our help more than ever. In Wake County alone, there are over 50,000 students who would qualify for our program based on income standards for free and reduced lunch. Your continued support will help CMS reach more of these deserving children.

CMS brings hope and brighter futures to our students. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in this vital work. Thank you for helping to change lives through music.

## Sincerely,



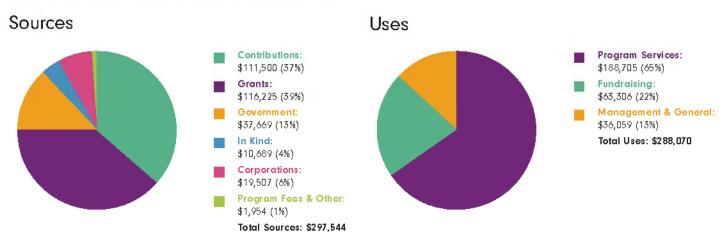
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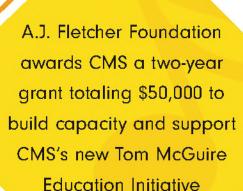
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Now enrolling more than 170 students, Fall 2019 marked a 30% increase over last year



Ronald McDonald House
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instruments and technology
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CMS launches new
Explorations program,
engaging more
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Cameron Village names
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