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TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

This past year has offered many of us a new beginning. We were afforded the opportunity to see our loved ones for the first time since March 2020. For many, we became more comfortable returning to the outside world. Despite the challenges that were presented throughout the past 18 months, Miami Music Project has experienced, and benefited from, the resilience of our community.

Each of the past 13 years, our students have showcased their passion, hard work, dedication, and love for music through all that they accomplish on and off the stage. This year was certainly no different. Our Board of Trustees, staff, and incredible Teaching Artists did everything in their power to make sure our programs remained impactful. With the support of the philanthropic community, our mission continues to resonate in each corner of our communities.

This past year, your support, devotion, and generosity took our students farther than we ever could have imagined. You never stopped believing in our work and our kids, and thanks to you, they were able to accomplish amazing things. Their hunger to build better futures earned them recognition and scholarships from such institutions as the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and Johns Hopkins University's Peabody Institute. Their drive to succeed led 50 students to the Interlochen Summer Music Camps. And, even more impressively, all 20 of our graduating seniors pursued higher education! Thanks to your support, our students were encouraged to keep composing better lives for themselves.



As we look toward the future, we take a moment to reflect on the points of pride this past year has brought to us. Our 2021 Community Report is filled with inspirational stories about our students and their own hopes for their futures.

YOU helped make this happen and made it a reality during the most challenging of times. We will never forget it. On behalf of our entire Miami Music Project family, THANK YOU.

With gratitude,

Anna Klimala
President

COMPOSING BETTER LIVES

Mission

Miami Music Project uses music as an instrument for social transformation, empowering children to acquire values and achieve their full potential, positively affecting their society through the study and performance of music.

Goals

- Develop values of community, sharing, and teamwork
- Develop creativity, discipline, perseverance, and self-esteem
- Inspire children to reach excellence through their own efforts
- Improve the school performance of children
- Strengthen the unity of families

Equity and Inclusion

We remain committed to equity and inclusion through our Equity and Inclusion Committee, focusing on centering the voices of our students, parents, and Teaching Artists.



IMPACTFUL PROGRAMS

This year our programs looked a little different, but our presence was even more important. Our programs were held virtually to ensure our families were safe until we returned to the classrooms in June.

Children's Orchestras

A year-round, after-school program predicated on the idea that social transformation can be achieved through participation in an orchestra.

Summer Music Camp

An intensive four-week camp for students, leading up to a grand finale performance.

Teaching Artist Training Program

A comprehensive set of workshops and expert coaching experiences to help identify and address students' individual needs.



Safely In-Person

We continue to closely follow CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of our students. Precautions include sanitization of instruments, bell covers over the ends of wind instruments, social distancing, outdoor rehearsals, and mask-wearing.

Enrichment Opportunities

Free access to prestigious cultural events, concerts, and workshops.

Orchestra Boot Camps

Workshops designed to nurture risk-taking, hard work, and excellence through challenging repertoire.

Scholarships & Travel Opportunities

Access to scholarships and orchestral training programs in collaboration with national partners.

Paid Internships

Summer work opportunities for our graduating students to assist with their college expenses.

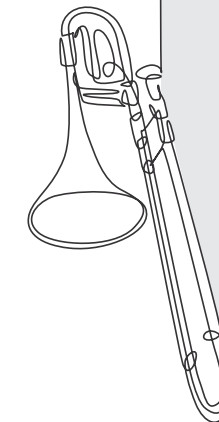
ALL OUR
PROGRAMS
ARE
**FREE OF
CHARGE!**

NEW PROGRAMS



National Teaching Artists Training Institute

Founded in 2020 by a generous grant from the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation, the Teaching Artists Training Institute is a collaboration between *El Sistema*-inspired programs, music educators, and non-profit leaders to provide transformational, high quality training and workshops for Teaching Artists nationally for the betterment of their students.



Young Musicians Development Program

A year-round program equipping talented youth with the resources necessary to become professional artists, educators, and leaders in the South Florida arts community. Students receive access to unique opportunities designed to equip them with the skills required in their pursuit of arts as a career.

Program Statistics

275

Teaching Hours
Per Student Per Year

Students Served

120

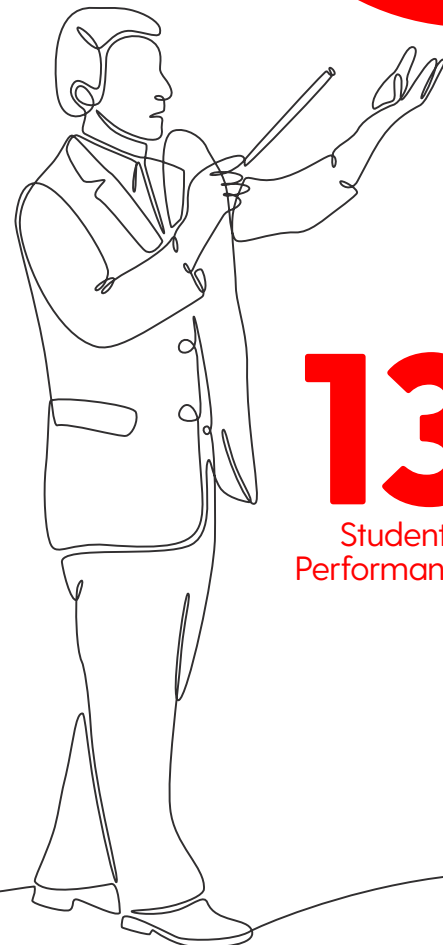
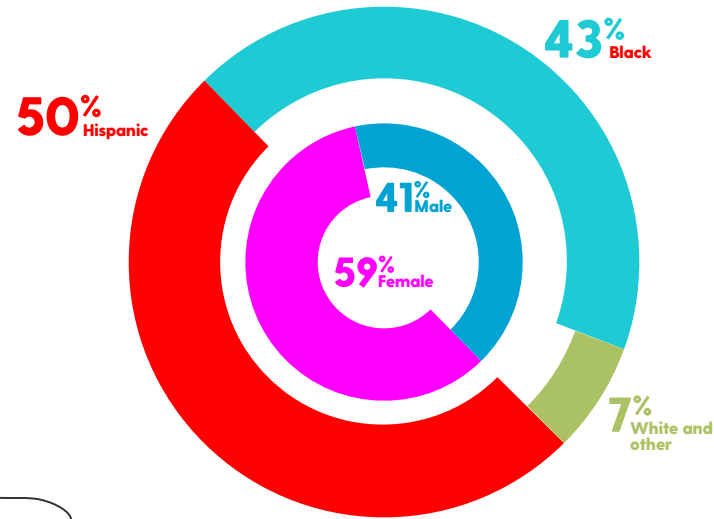
Summer Music
Camp

711

In-Person,
Socially-Distanced
Activities

356

Children's
Orchestras



13

Student
Performances

Instruments Provided

Violin
Viola
Cello
Double Bass
Flute
Oboe
Clarinet
Bassoon
French Horn
Trumpet
Trombone
Tuba
Percussion

CREATING COMMUNITIES



New Chapter!

During the 2021-2022 school year, we will open a new community chapter on Miami Beach at Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center. Miami Beach's notoriously high cost of living, and the low salaries hospitality jobs provide, forces many families to live in poverty while surrounded by wealth and excess they cannot attain. With this chapter, Miami Music Project will reach a new group of talented youth to ensure the life-changing power of music is available to all!

Levels I, II

Little Haiti
Toussaint L'Ouverture
Elementary

Liberty City
Charles R. Drew
K-8 Center

Miami Springs
Miami Springs
Elementary

Miami Gardens
Carol City
Elementary

Miami Beach
Fienberg-Fisher
K-8 Center
(opening January 2022)

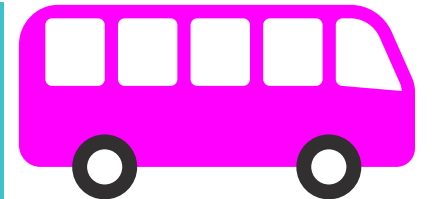
Levels III, IV, V

Little Havana
Citrus Grove
Middle

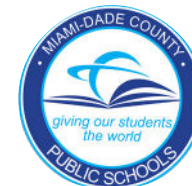
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Schools

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Program
Locations

64
Zip
Codes



Free bus transportation
from select chapter locations
to the Little Havana Chapter.



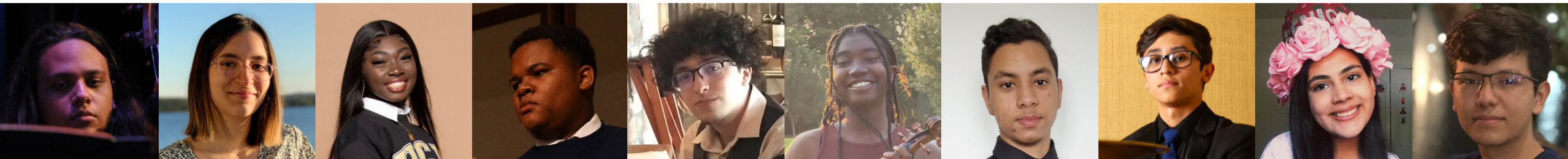
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP. Miami Music Project has a longstanding partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). We have been recognized several times by M-DCPS, including the Superintendent's Choice Award and Miami-Dade County Public Schools School Board Proclamations.

GRADUATING INTO LEADERS

100% of our graduates pursued higher education!



Marcos Alvarez Clarinet Music Production Florida International University	Joan Aranguren Flute Computer Science Florida International University	Wendy Benavidez Clarinet Music Education Florida International University	Benjamin Bush Cello Bachelor in Cello Performance, starting Master in Music at Florida International University	Adriana Bustamante Violin Criminal Justice Florida International University	Juliani Delerme Trumpet Music Engineering Full Sail University	Shanice Doreus Horn Cosmetology Aveda Institute	Gabrielle Figueroa-Diaz Horn Classical Horn Performance University of North Carolina School of Arts	Lorraine Lopez Violin Psychology Florida International University	Valerie Lozano Cello Biology University of Central Florida
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Leonardo Martinez Bass Music Performance Boston Conservatory	Elizabeth Perez-Hickman Oboe Oboe Performance Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University	Gemima Pierre Cello Business Administration University of Central Florida	Robertshley Pratt Percussion Undecided Broward College	Sebastian Ramirez Clarinet Architecture and Urban Design and Minor in Music Miami Dade College	Christie Robert-George Violin Music Education University of Central Florida	Samuel Rodriguez Trumpet Computer Science Florida International University	Ismael Rodriguez Tuba Music Performance Miami Dade College	Oriana Sanchez Oboe Management Florida International University	David Vallejo-Lozano Viola Aerospace Engineering Purdue University
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COMPOSING DREAMS

GALA AND STANLEY COHEN SCHOLARSHIP

With this scholarship, eight of our students are receiving full scholarships to Florida International University for a four-year degree in any field. Thank you to Stanley and Gala Cohen for their generosity and this incredible opportunity!

Marcos Alvarez	Adriana Bustamante
Joan Aranguren	Lorraine Lopez
Wendy Benavidez	Samuel Rodriguez
Benjamin Bush	Oriana Sanchez



FIU

Music

The opportunity Miami Music Project provides the youth of our community is immeasurable.

Karen S. F. Veloz

Director, School of Music at FIU



Miami Music Project has opened so many doors for me to be able to pursue a career in music, build my confidence, and has helped me pursue a career I'm passionate about.

Isabel Sanso

2020 Graduate

The Peabody Institute Scholarship Recipient

Miami Music Project student Elizabeth Perez-Hickman was awarded one of two scholarships nationwide to attend the Peabody Conservatory at no cost! Since 2019, El Sistema USA has partnered with The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University to award up to two full scholarships annually to students of *El Sistema*-inspired organizations. Elizabeth is the third Miami Music Project student to receive this prestigious award since 2019, with Edric Vivoni awarded last year and Bobby Bush in 2019. In addition, Elizabeth received The Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award from the renowned non-profit, From The Top, to help offset the costs of studying classical music at a high level.

Nationally Recognized Winners

Four of our students received national recognition thanks to The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center! The Miami Music Project String Quartet was selected as just one of five nation-wide winners of the Young Musicians' Innovation Challenge, receiving \$1,000 to implement a program to promote the chamber music of historically underrepresented composers and their cultural heritage. Violinists Giah Bush and Isabela Ortiz, violist David Vallejo, and cellist Ricardo Mendez assembled and presented their phenomenal program as part of a 3-part concert series. We couldn't be more proud!





September

After-school programs begin in all chapters, through Miami Music Project CONNECT, a virtual learning platform.

October

Partnered with New World Symphony's VIA Academy and hosted guest artists to mentor our students.

November

Give Miami Day #305ForGood Block Party is held, featuring legendary Miami musicians AfroBeta and Helado Negro.

November

Adopted our organizational Core Values in a collaborative, team-wide effort.

December

Awarded the Gold Award as Non-Profit of the Year, by the South Florida Chapter of the American Marketing Association.

February

In-person rehearsals and community events begin safely, both socially distanced and outdoors.

March

Inaugural meeting of the Equity and Inclusion Committee is held.

April

Third Miami Music Project student in three years named *El Sistema USA* / Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins Full Scholarship Award winner.

May

Established our minimum wage at \$15, to better support staff and our communities.

May

Held first in-person concert since the start of the pandemic, at Pinecrest Gardens.

May

Student Elizabeth Perez-Hickman featured on **NPR's From the Top** for her accomplishments on oboe, and winning the Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award.

June

Summer Music Camp held in-person! Over 120 students hosted for summer learning.

MENTORING AND CONNECTING

Teaching Artists

Our students learn in the hands of accomplished musicians, educators, and mentors who provide musical, social, and academic guidance to our students, thus contributing to Miami's local community.

Michael Andrews	Starina D'Haiti	Stephanie Jaimes	Adriana Perez
Israel Aragon	James Drayton	Rufus Jones	Felix Petit
Javier Aragon	Karina Eijo	Casey Maltese	Jhefte Pierre
Jose Arvelo	Monica Encinoza	Demian Martinez	Daniel Rivera
Lucas Balslov	Cristian Escobar	Sarahi Matheuz	Schelvin Robinson
Elaina Bass	Ernesto Fernandez	Jose Montes	Charlemagne Sands
Carlos Bianculli	Mabel Garcia	Julio Morales	Robyn Savitzky
Andres Candamil	Karla Geraci	Daniela Padrón	Xiomara Sepulveda
Isaac Casal	Maria Guglielmina	Seth Pan	Matt Shefcik
Sofia Da Silva	Sercan Gündoğdu	Ivan Parra	Zacherie Small
Alexandra D'Amico	Gabriel Gutierrez	Joe Paz	Bianca Tavares
Ross DeBardelaben	Valentina Hernandez	Juan Carlos Peña	Steffen Zeichner



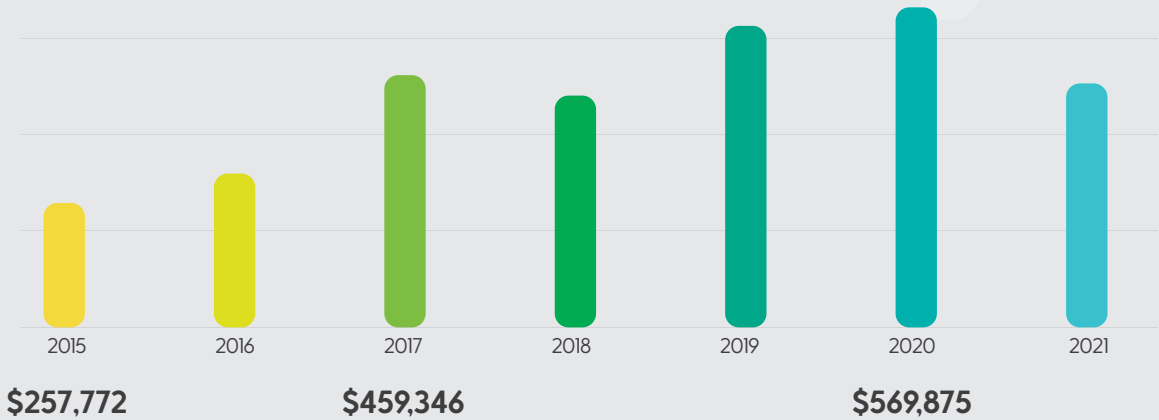
INSPIRING ARTISTS

A Teaching Artist at Miami Music Project since 2013, Daniela Padrón is a Latin Grammy-nominated recording artist, a fantastic teacher, and an exceptional role model to students. Over the years, Daniela has taught over 400 students and had a formative impact on their futures as musicians and as people.

I love sharing my passion for music with new generations, and I've had the honor to do it while conducting children's orchestras for the Miami Music Project for over nine years.

Daniela Padrón
Teaching Artist

**Our Investment in Local Talent
2015-2021**



We are proud to support the talented local musicians and teachers that call South Florida home.



IMPACT: TRANSFORMATION THROUGH MUSIC

Of middle and high school students surveyed, youth showed excellence or growth in:

98% 97% 96%

Artistic Ability

at least one Social Emotional Learning metric

Academic Self-Efficacy

20%

of parents said our program made it possible for them to hold a job or pursue work outside the home

Student Assessment: 4 Assessment Pillars

- Academic Impact
- Community Reach
- Artistic Excellence
- Social Transformation

98%

of parents agree that this program helps their child do better in school

68%

of parents reduced their overall stress levels knowing we provide activities to keep their child(ren) busy and out of trouble

61%

of parents feel Miami Music Project gives their child(ren) opportunities they don't get in school

86%

of parents believe Miami Music Project makes it more affordable for their child(ren) to take part in quality out-of-school activities

Evaluation Partners

- Hello Insight / Miami Gardens Music Alliance
- FIU Community-Based Research Institute
- Arts for Autism Foundation
- FIU Research Center in Minority Institutions

100%

of parents agree that:

This program helps their child get along better with other children
Their child likes coming to this program
They recommend this program to others

BANDING TOGETHER

Funding Partners



Strategic Community Partnerships



National Partnerships



Partner Highlight: Pumpkin Foundation

Pumpkin Foundation's generous multi-year \$2 million pledge in 2018 set the stage for the founding of our newly adopted Strategic Vision 2018-2028 and program expansion. Thank you to the Pumpkin Foundation for your continued support!

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INSPIRING OUR COMMUNITY: FROM FIRST NOTE TO FIRST JOB

Benjamin Bush joined Miami Music Project as a cellist when he was 10 years old. Home-schooled with his eight siblings, Benjamin enrolled at Florida International University (FIU) by age 14 and earned his Bachelor of Music at 18. Now 19 years old, Benjamin graduated with Miami Music Project's class of 2021. Upon graduation, Benjamin was awarded the Stanley and Gala Cohen Scholarship and is now using it to pursue his Master of Music in Performance at Florida International University.

In addition to those accomplishments, Benjamin had his first-ever job interview this year - and his first-ever job offer - with Miami Music Project! An official member of our team since this past spring, he is currently Site Coordinator at our Little Havana Chapter.

From his first note with Miami Music Project to his first job with Miami Music Project, Benjamin is an inspiration to us and the youth in our program. We couldn't be more proud!





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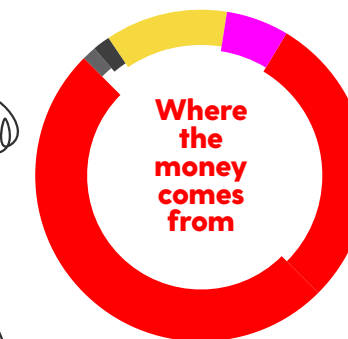
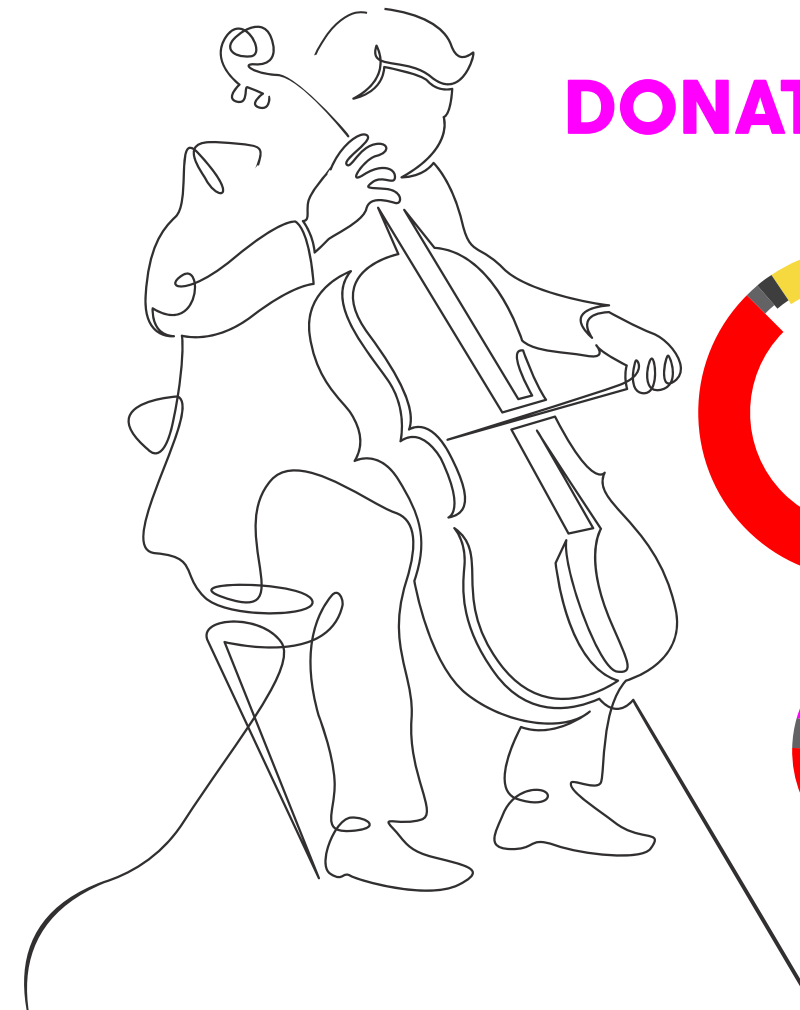
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- Once directed to your broker or custodian, please notify anna@miamimusicproject.org. That's the only way we will know it is you who made the donation!

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29% Individual Contributors

12% Investment Income

6% Other Income

2% Corporate Contributors

1% In-Kind Contributors

0% Earned Income

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8% Operations

5% Development

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financials,
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