



Wake Forest Community Youth Orchestra **ANNUAL REPORT**

2018



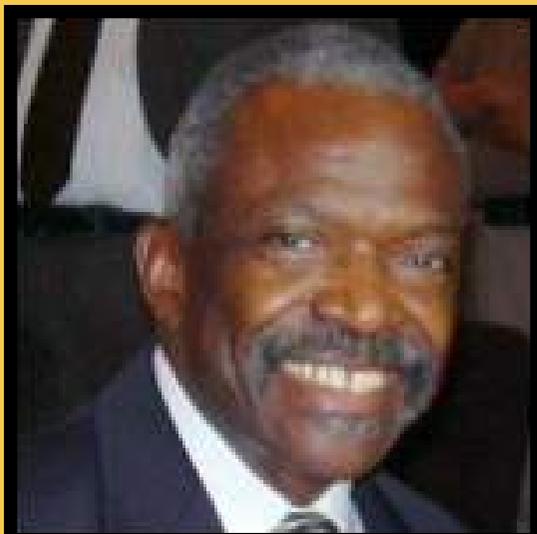


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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR

The mission of Wake Forest Community Youth Orchestra is to provide expert orchestral instruction and access to string instruments to Pre-K through 12th grade youth in under-served and rural communities.



What an incredible year for our organization! We fulfilled our mission through partnerships with Thales Academy, Franklin Academy, East Wake Academy, and Wake Forest Baptist Church. We celebrated new partnerships with Rolesville Charter Academy in Wake County, and Franklin County Public Schools in Franklin County.

Our partnership with Vance County Public Schools increased from 24 students in 2017 to 60 students this year. These 60 students represented all 10 Vance County Elementary Schools. This year, our partnerships enabled us to provide 227 students in rural and under-served communities with the opportunity to learn how to play string instruments.

Highlights from this year include over 20 performances across Wake, Franklin, and Vance counties, a live performance at the NC State Fair via our partnership with PBS Television Station, performing at Carillon and the Lodges of Wake Forest Senior Living Centers, three performances for NC Symphony patrons via the NC Symphony Ovations program, and over 350 people attended our Winter and Spring concerts.



Some of our students have auditioned for and made North Carolina Eastern Regional Orchestra and Senior Eastern Regional Orchestra, which is the highest level of orchestra offered to students within our state via the North Carolina Music Educators Association.

One of our advanced cello students performed in Carnegie Hall and was selected to play a solo in front of a sold out crowd. We celebrate all of our students accomplishments this year!

Next year we are poised to expand from 227 to 300 students. We understand that to whom much is given, greatness is required. We are honored to serve in such a great organization with you and thank you for your dedication, trust, and support.

LaSaundra Booth *Jesse L. Suggs, Jr.*

Dr. LaSaundra Booth Mr. Jesse L. Suggs, Jr.
Executive Director Board Chair

ENROLLMENT

Our enrollment grew from 135 to 227 students this year! Check out the breakdown of our numbers below:

Franklin: 32 students (10%)

Vance: 60 students (18.8%)

Wake: 135 students (71.2%)

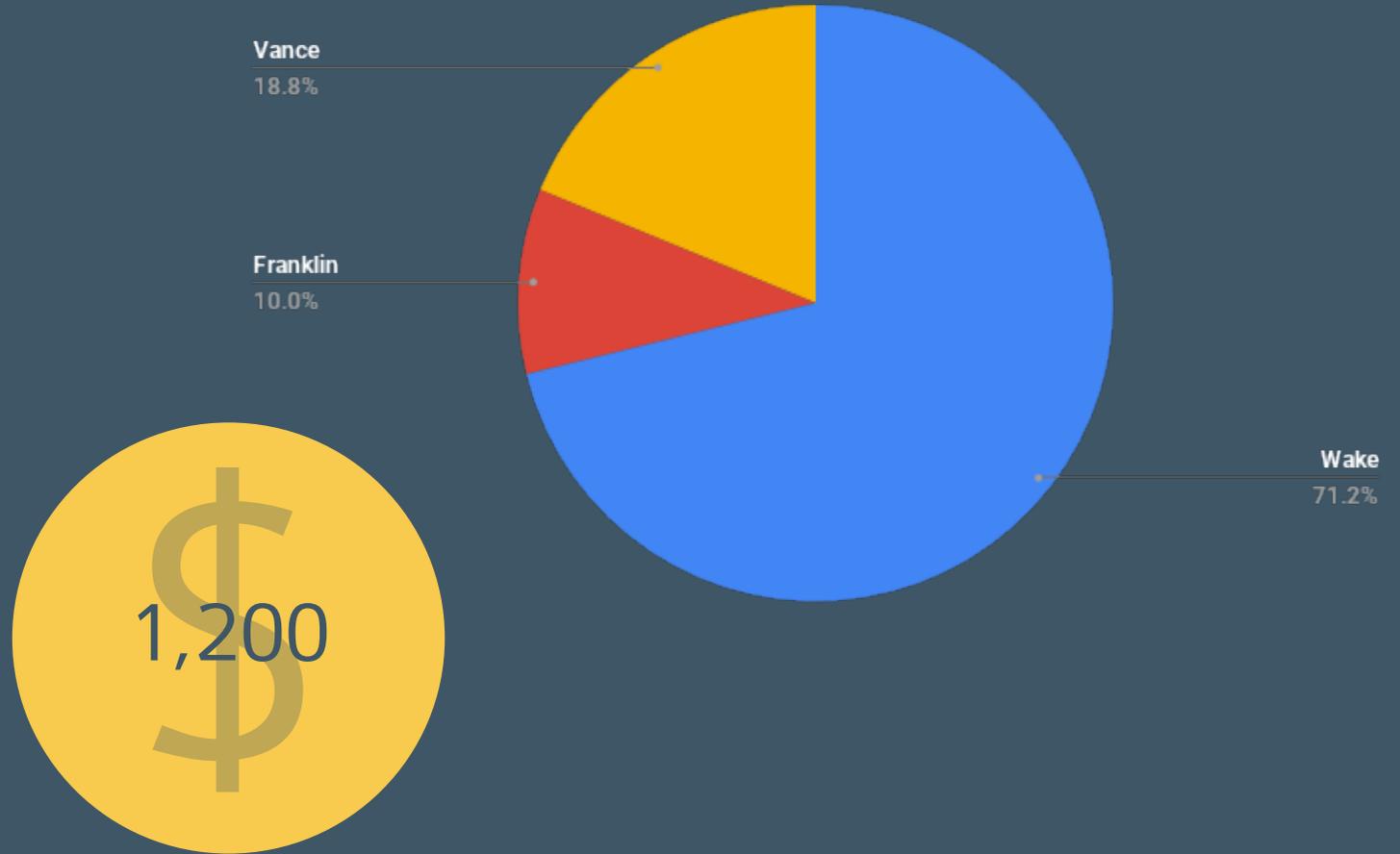
TUITION ASSISTANCE

WFCYO provided tuition assistance to families in need since 2014. This year, over 23 families were served with partial and full tuition assistance scholarships across Wake, Franklin, and Vance Counties. The total amount awarded was \$1,200.

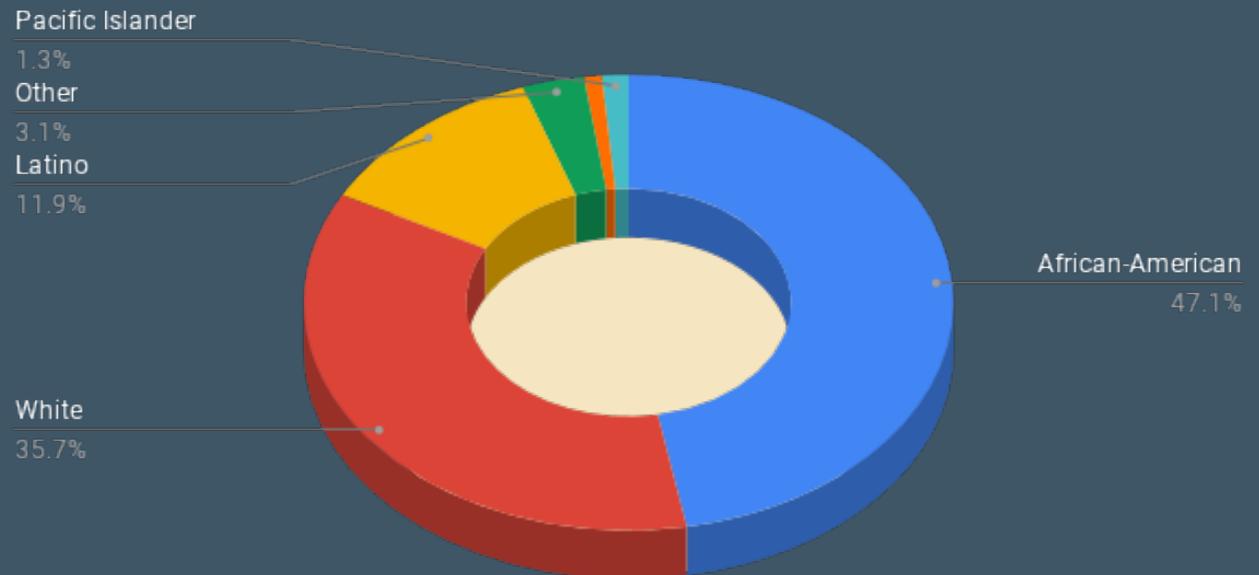
DIVERSITY

Celebrating and embracing diversity is one of our core values. Our student demographics represent the communities in which we serve.

Students Enrolled



Student Demographics



PROGRAM BENEFITS

- 3 levels of orchestra offered
- Leadership opportunities
- Peer coaches serve as leaders



Three levels of orchestra are offered including beginning, intermediate, and advanced. WFCYO provides many leadership opportunities such as section leader and peer coaches. Peer coaches are typically more advanced players that will volunteer one hour peer week to assist beginning and intermediate students with tuning, notes, and rhythms in class. Peer coaches build relationships that help younger students play with more confidence. Pictured above are Aryanna and her peer coach Natalie.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- High level of parental involvement
- Parents take lessons with their children

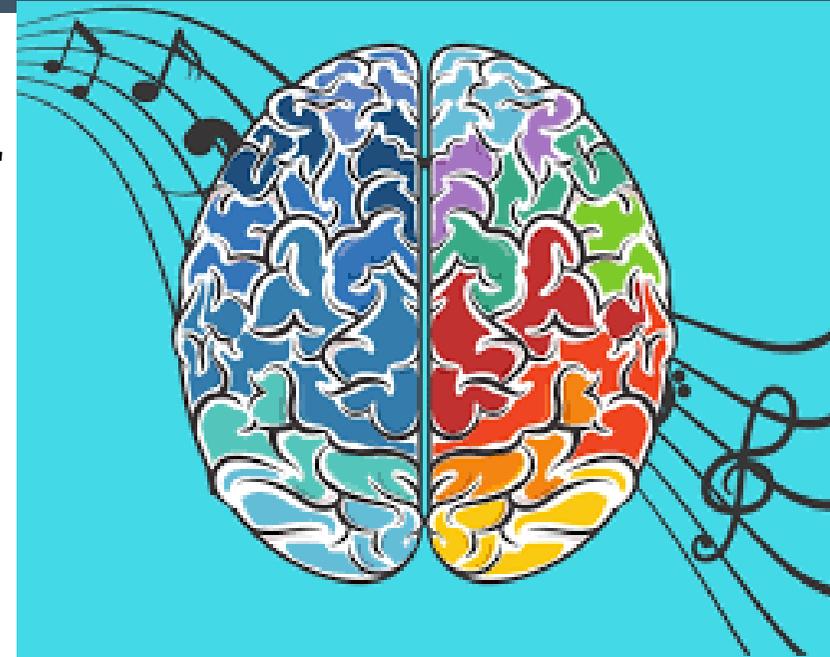


Research indicates that parental support is one factor that has a direct relationship to student interest and participation in music programs (Colon-Leon, 2018; Ho, W.C. 2011; Upitis, Abrami, Brook, & King, 2017). WFCYO provides all parents the opportunity to receive free instruments and learn how to play instruments beside their children. One of the cornerstones of our success is due to a high level of family engagement and support.

Pictured above is our intermediate level orchestra. To the right you will see Anna and her mother, Mrs. Durant, performing. Mrs. Durant is one of three parents who enjoy taking lessons with their children each week. We are excited to be able to provide expert orchestral instruction and instruments to students and their parents.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- **Parents indicate participation in WFCYO has helped to increase their child's knowledge of music.**
- **Parents cite that participation in WFCYO has helped their child improve musically.**



- **WFCYO engages under-served children in music activities that build community and support their academic and social success.**



MASTER CLASSES

Students and parents can participate in master classes and workshops lead by professional musicians. This year, grant funds were used to pay for master classes with Lizzy Ross and Omar Ruiz-Lopez who are professionally known as **Violet Bell**. Violet Bell is an Americana and indy-folk recording duo. Based in Hillsborough, N.C., Violet Bell travels throughout the U.S. and abroad.



Violet Bell's master class was AMAZING! Our students learned about technique and improvisation. The picture above shows Mr. Ruiz-Lopez demonstrating various bow hold techniques for the right hand.



Violet Bell also scored one of their original compositions called, "Dream the Wheel" exclusively for WFCYO. The picture to the left shows our students performing "Dream the Wheel" with Violet Bell.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- WFCYO has a 100% high school graduation rate
- Jesse L. Suggs, Jr. Scholarship fund was established in 2015
- Two seniors awarded \$100 each in 2018



Over \$1,000 in senior scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors enrolled in our programs since 2015. Kenya Taylor and Amanda Floyd were awarded this year. Both students were accepted into 4-year universities. Here is what Amanda had to say:

"Thank you! With this money, I will be able to reduce the debt that I will accumulate in college, which is important to me especially since I plan on attending medical school. I appreciate WFCYO's investment into my future, and I plan to use this scholarship to further my education." - Amanda Floyd, 2018

NC SYMPHONY



This year, our students performed twice at the NC Symphony via the *Ovations Program*. Our advanced students performed prelude music for NC Symphony patrons in the lobby of Meymendi Concert Hall in Raleigh. During intermission, students were able to meet NC Symphony performers and ask them questions about the performance. This performance opportunity was provided free for our students. After our prelude performance, each student and their parent received free tickets to attend the NC Symphony performance. We look forward to playing again next Spring!

CONCERTS

WFCYO concerts are fun and family friendly. We provide two free concerts per year to showcase all three orchestras. Our Winter Concerts are always a huge hit because we invite one guest from the North Pole. In 2015 and 2016, we had Santa Clause visit. The Sugar Plum Fairy and her dance troupe paid us a visit last year. This year, our guests were thrilled to meet The Grinch.

The Grinch was on his best behavior as he gave out goodie bags to the audience members. We invited the Grinch to stay for the reception, but he had to go back to Whooville to help Cindy Loo Whoo finish a school project.

We were so happy to have the Grinch with us! We hope you join us next year's concert. It's sure to be one of the most wonderful times of the year!



COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 14 FREE public performances in 2018
- 6 program locations
- Over 9,400 in attendance at our performances overall



WFCYO performs at "Meet in the Street" hosted by the Town of Wake Forest.



WFCYO students pose for a picture after performing a free holiday concert for senior living residents in Wake Forest.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Strong Community Partnerships
- Successful annual school supply drive
- 96 families provided with FREE school supplies
- Kohl's volunteers assisted with passing out supplies



At the end of the 2017 season, parent Shelia Brown (now board member) suggested that WFCYO have an annual cookout as a way for WFCYO families to meet each other. This idea sparked WFCYO's annual "**Back to School Cookout and School Supply Give-A-Way.**" In addition to a free meet and greet for WFCYO families, we also felt it was important to use this opportunity to give back to the community. The event was free and open to the public. We advertised on 103.9 The Light's community calendar, local newspapers, and news outlets. Kohl's department stores sent volunteers to help us, which was a great success! We served over 96 families in the community. We hope you join us for next year's event!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

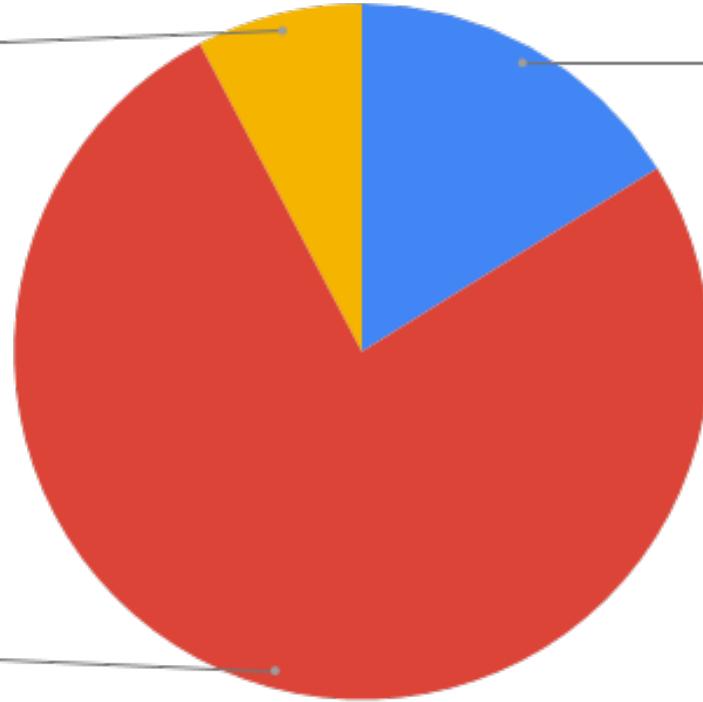
REVENUE

Revenue Amounts

Contributions
7.7%

Grants
16.2%

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| Organization Grants..... | \$4,000 |
| Tuition..... | \$18,828 |
| Contributions..... | \$1,910 |
| Total Support and Revenue..... | \$24,738 |



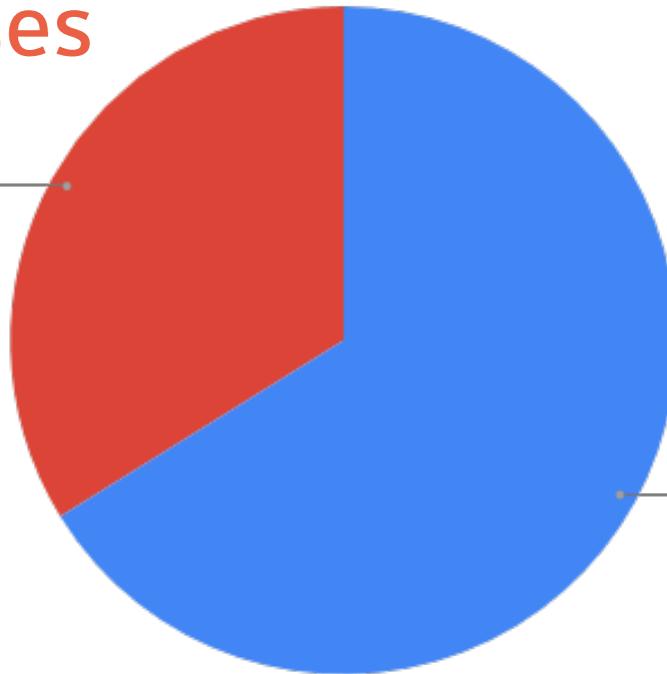
Total Expenses

Expenses

Tuition
76.1%

Management & General
33.8%

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| Program Services..... | \$14,143.29 |
| Management & General..... | \$7,231.85 |
| Total Expenses..... | \$21,375.14 |



Program Services
66.2%

WE ARE GRATEFUL

FOR THE INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES WHOSE
GENEROSITY MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE.

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The HATCH

Anonymous

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The Donovan Family

Tonya Suggs

Rebecca Brock

Mike and Becky Floyd

Stephan Bohlayer

Integrity Strings

Ensembles on Cue

Rev. Bryant Moxley

Elizabeth Johnson

Bob Johnson

Monica Jones

The Owens Family

The Waggenner Family

The Bailey Family

Kevin Reinburg

Victoria Jones

Renee Cabell

Tracy Stull

Valerie Hoy

The Sargent Family

Violet Bell

The Hilliard Family

The Brazil Family

Russ & Cindy Keller

The Cummings Family

The DeHann Family

The Williams Family

The Bordeaux
Family

The Briggino Family

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