

IMPACT REPORT

In the 2017/2018 school year, The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation donated a total of 2,460 new and refurbished instruments to help 105 under-funded K-12 schools in low-income communities. Over the life of the instruments, more than 24,000 students will benefit.



*"We are still **going strong** in Chester. We are using instruments we received from The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation every day. Our school owes so much to you."*

Laura Dean, Strings Specialist, Chester Park Elementary School of the Arts, Chester SC, Awarded 2009

One year after receiving their instruments, 75 teachers collectively reported:

- ♪ 1,791 additional students were able to participate in their school music program
- ♪ 1,146 students no longer share an instrument
- ♪ 589 aged and unrepairable instruments were replaced with new ones
- ♪ 406 students no longer share a mouthpiece resulting in 227 additional hours of instruction time

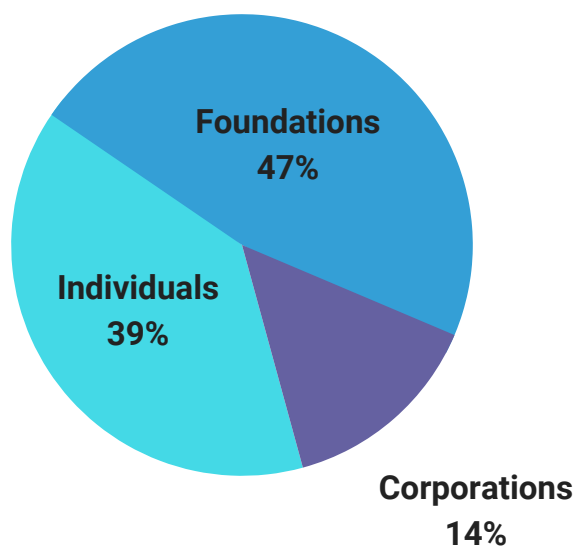
Teachers also said their students were re-energized, parents became more engaged, and districts were more supportive.

The annual music teacher turnover rate at MHOFF granted schools (very low income) over the past three years is 8.9% compared to the national music teacher turnover rate of 38%¹. Teachers receiving our help are encouraged and re-inspired to continue in their challenging positions knowing that they are being heard and given the tools they need to succeed.

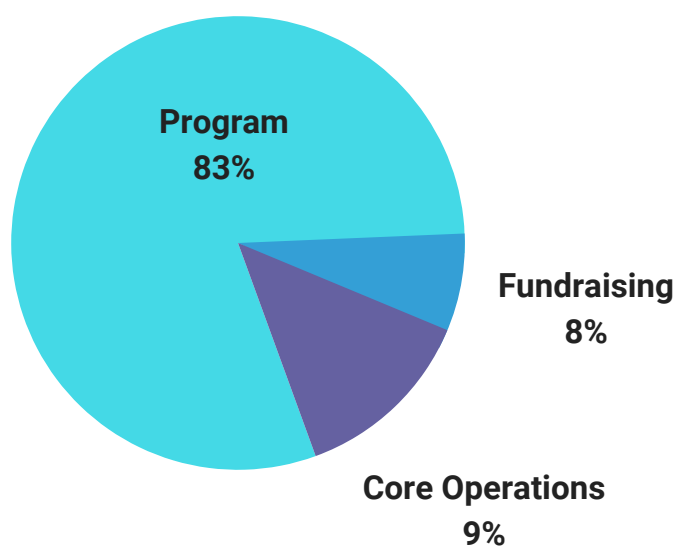
¹ National Center for Education Statistics

The need is significant and with the help of hundreds of donors who value music as an asset in youth development and success, access to quality music education is in reach for thousands of students each year. Our work depends on their generosity and passion for keeping music alive in our schools.

Funds totaling \$2,000,000 in the 2017/2018 fiscal year came from:



Funds were used for:



*"My name is Katelyn and I am 12 years old. I love music and play 3 instruments. **I know that some kids don't have the opportunities to play an instrument like I do** so I wanted to do something to help those kids. I have been saving money and wanted to donate the money to MHOF so other kids can learn to play an instrument and **find the joy** that music brings to them like it does to me."* Katelyn A.

For a complete list of MHOF donors for the year, go to mhopus.org/our-donors



The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation keeps music alive in our schools by donating musical instruments to under-funded music programs, and vital support services to school districts nationwide, giving economically-disadvantaged youth access to the many benefits of music education, leading them to success in school, and inspiring creativity and expression through playing music. Hundreds of thousands of students across the country have benefited and more than 28,000 instruments have been donated to 1,522 school music programs.