

YOUNG IMAGINATIONS

*Placing the arts at the core of
the educational process*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2014-2015 was a big year for Young Imaginations programs. Despite the challenges arts agencies and schools face to leverage current funding levels, we served approximately 5,000 students within 20 schools. During the summer of 2014, Young Imaginations entered its third year of *Multicultural Music and Dance in Public Schools*, a model project addressing inequities in public education. Evaluation results of classroom teacher assessments concluding our third year of the project suggest that the wellbeing of children and their pathways to opportunity are linked to the kinds of skills promoted by curricula and methodology within their academic environments. In knowing this, we will further improve our sequential curriculum in year four of the project and provide additional professional development to our arts educators to enhance their abilities to successfully provide for the needs of students today.

We provide students with the opportunity to progress creatively and encourage them to take positive risks. Listening and thinking skills are central as children gain an understanding and appreciation for diversity, commonalities and human values. In addition, the incorporation of the universal language of music and dance into the school day provides additional opportunities to all kinds of learners to succeed, gain self value and self esteem, and feel safer within their learning environments.

Thank you to those who have supported Young Imaginations for over 29 years - we have momentum on our side as we enter our fourth decade serving the Greater Bay Area and Northern California.

—*Travis Clarke*
Board President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Young Imaginations Revenue and Expense report for FY 2014-15 showed a net gain of \$10,445, a great turnaround from the prior year. The charts show our income and expenses by category. I would also like to give a big thank you to all who helped in the late months of the past fiscal year. Continuing our point of reference, over the past eleven years YI has raised over \$980,000 from foundations and grants and over \$380,000 from individual donations. And this while other non-profits have incurred debts or have ceased to exist altogether.

The split between contributed and earned income was 49-51% compared to 56-44% last year. So we see the schools are improving at being able to help fund the programs they would like to have us deliver to them. This year we devoted 82% of expenses to Programs vs. 84% last year. This effort allows us to continue with our mission of placing the arts at the core of the educational process.

As we have noted in the past, reports suggest that it will take until 2020 for public school funding to return to the levels of 2007-2008. What we all can never forget is that our children are the future of this great country. The arts have been proven to enhance the educational process so we must maintain our dedication to excellence for the children of Northern California. All of us at YI express a big thanks to all of you who have so generously supported our work over these past years and ask that you continue with your wonderful donations. Do spread the good word amongst your friends and colleagues.

—*Ron Tarica, Ph.D.*
Treasurer

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 St. Rita Preschool

Strawberry Elementary
 Tamalpais Valley Elementary

East Bay

Grand Lake Montessori Preschool

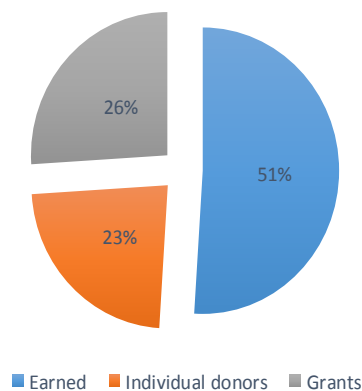
Sonoma County

Evergreen

Rural Schools

McCloud Preschool
 McCloud Elementary
 McCloud High School
 Sierra High School

Total Revenue: \$182,620



Total Expenses: \$172,176

