Music Outreach Program

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Project Description
The Utah Symphony Guild (USG) organized the Music Outreach Program in 1999 to reach children in the community who might not otherwise have an opportunity to study music. Children are loaned violins, receive free violin lessons, and perform what they have learned for family, friends and the community. In 2016, we provided instruction to 42 students between the ages of 6 and 17.

Project Timeline
March: Present budget to Utah Symphony for next fiscal year expenses, including teacher salary, classroom supplies, refreshments for recitals, and estimates for cost of maintaining instruments, and purchasing new instruments. The USG Vice President of Education contacts the Salt Lake City School Board office for a copy of the coming school year schedule. He then contacts the manager of scheduling for the Northwest (NW) Community Center to schedule recital days. The NW Center provides refreshments for one of the two recitals.

July: Planning meeting/lunch held with the USG President, USG Vice President of Education, the Outreach Program chairman, volunteers and the instructor. During the planning session, the schedule for the volunteers is set up for the coming year. The rules of the class are discussed and what role the USG volunteers will play in monitoring and enforcing them.

August: The USG Vice President of Education sets out new applications at the NW Center so day care students can sign up. The chairman calls previous students with detailed information about beginning of new year. They are also sent the application via email and parents print and sign them.

September: Classes begin and students can enroll until October 1, unless we run out of space. We take a maximum of 40 students. Previous year students are placed first.

October: No further enrollment.

December: Winter Recital.

April/May: Final Recital (including gifts for children).
**Budget (2015-2016)**

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**Collaborations**

The Outreach Program was piloted at the Sugarhouse Boys and Girls Club in 1999 and soon thereafter found a permanent home at Northwest Community Center in Rose Park. The NW Center provides practice rooms and recital space free of charge. Their staff has been supportive of the program, maintaining our place in their offerings, and including violin performances in holiday parties for all the children at the NW Center.

**Volunteers**

The Outreach Program requires volunteers to keep operating. The Guild’s Vice-President for Education and the Music Outreach Chair plan and manage the program. The classes are taught twice per week and each session requires two to three volunteers to help set up the room with chairs and stands and to welcome the children.

Members of the Utah Symphony Guild have sustained the Music Outreach Program for nearly two decades with funds, hours of active support, and endless love for the children and their accomplishments.

**Successes**

One of the greatest successes of the program is the growth of the students. When the students perform in concerts, their eyes anxiously gaze over the audience looking for family. Their faces immediately beam when they recognize a loved one. Many students have gone from shy and introverted to outgoing and have become leaders in their school classes. We also measure success by the number of students seeking to return the following year. Over 80% of participants will be returning next year. Most of those not returning have moved out of the area.

**Future Plans**

We are thrilled to announce that in the spring on 2017, we partnered with the Guadalupe School to expand the Outreach Program to a second location. We have a second teacher, brought 20 additional students into our program, and secured additional violins.

We are meeting with potential partners and donors to ensure our expanded program is successful. We are proud of the impact made by our Music Outreach program.

To watch a video highlighting the Music Outreach Program, please visit:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=auLsY5OkVOI