



Dear Friends,

Music Changing Lives is a nonprofit 501(c)3 and has embraced a dual county initiative to reduce our communities dropout rates, through music and art.

We began 24 years ago and were ecstatic to have just a few supporters and a small space in my home to share our programs with the youth. Fast forward to 2022 and we have grown into a strong after-school experience which serves the multiple intelligences of our youth; this is in great part due to the addition of our college student volunteers, sponsors and many supporters. Sadly, COVID-19 forced some organizations to rethink their mission or stop operations in these challenging economic times. Despite the odds, MCL continued to grow; this makes us feel privileged and beyond encouraged to continue to work for our communities.

We realize we still face challenges, as do many small charitable foundations. One of our biggest challenges was replicating the program throughout our region through the pandemic. We are at a turning point. Once we have conquered our region, we will take this statewide and then nationwide. With your help, and the help of many others like you, this dream can become a reality, just as Music Changing Lives has.

The wide-ranging initiatives unveiled by our board and advisors have shown great promise. We challenged the idea that we could only operate within Community Centers as an exclusive “club” and placed our programs directly in six school campuses in the Moreno Valley Unified School District. We are now working with Riverside County & San Bernardino county districts, with the ultimate goal of expanding to their entire fifty-six school districts which cover nearly 1,000 schools.

This is our eleventh year testing this concept of the “Changing Lives Showcase” through a pilot program we started at Vista Del Lago High School, in Moreno Valley in 2011. We’re now designing a replication model to distribute throughout California thanks to a sponsorship between San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and Guillermo J. Valenzuela Foundation. We realize success will require more hard work and a redoubling of our commitment to service and collaboration in the spirit of MCL’s core values. We intend to expand those core values into a larger, more united community. I wholeheartedly commend and recognize the staff and volunteers who have helped bring previous years’ success. I humbly thank and recognize all the members, contributors and patrons for their continued support in helping Music Changing Lives do just that CHANGE LIVES!

Sincerely,

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