



Music
Foundation

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

IMPACTING LIVES THROUGH MUSIC



OUR MISSION

[The Guitar Center Music Foundation](#) is an independent 501c3 organization dedicated to the healing, transformative power of music. Through instrument [grants](#) and donations, we help ensure schools and music education programs get the resources they need to keep music alive and accessible.

GIVING EVERYONE THE POWER TO CREATE AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES THROUGH MUSIC

WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF MUSIC

Music is vital for us and for our society. It has the power to improve our health and creativity. We want to give everyone the opportunity to make music.

MUSIC CHANGES LIVES

Putting instruments in the hands of people of all ages can have substantial impact on their well-being. From building confidence to improving social and academic skills, learning an instrument gives people a new way to express themselves.

KEEPING MUSIC EDUCATION ALIVE

We give more people the opportunity to make music through instrument grants to in-need schools and music education programs.

FOR SOME, MUSIC MAY BE JUST A HOBBY. BUT FOR OTHERS, MUSIC SERVES AS A CRUCIAL LIFELINE – A PATH TO HEALING, AN OPPORTUNITY TO NURTURE UNTAPPED TALENT, AN ESCAPE FROM THE GRIM REALITIES OF EVERYDAY LIFE, A BREAK FROM GENERATIONAL TRAUMA, OR THE START OF A SOCIAL REVOLUTION.

Thousands of individuals nationwide benefit yearly from the foundation's grants and other efforts aiding veterans, hospital patients, the unhoused, and those affected by natural disasters, as well as youth in both schools and after-school programs.

THANK YOU

TO OUR DONORS AND PARTNERS



\$880,966
TOTAL REVENUE
RAISED



191
MUSIC PROGRAMS
SUPPORTED



\$871,151
TOTAL EXPENSES



38
STATES SERVED
GRANTS



60,000+
PEOPLE REACHED



\$512,346
ROUND UP YOUR CHANGE
DONATIONS GIVEN BACK
TO THE COMMUNITY

BRINGING MUSIC TO PEOPLE IN NEED

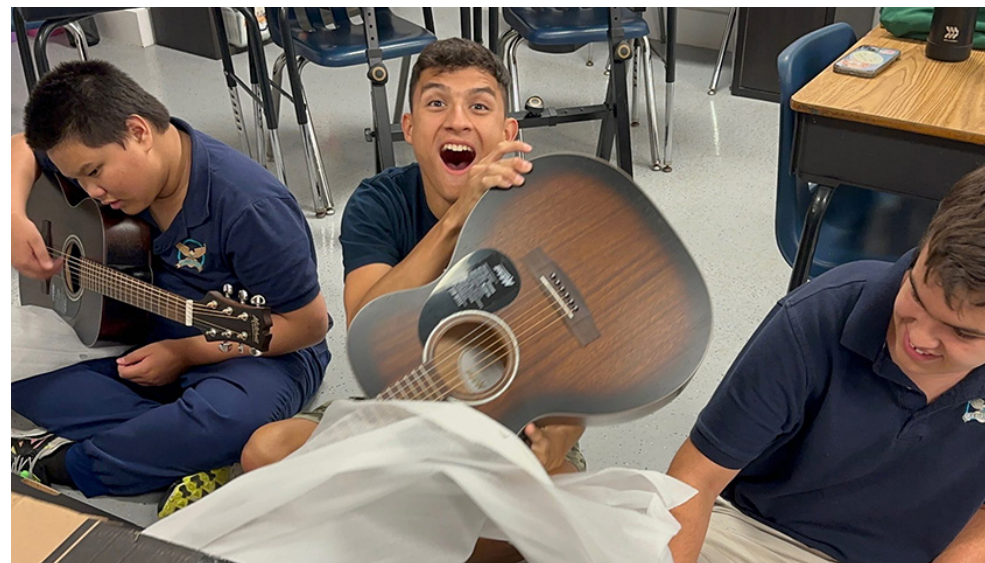
Thanks to your donations, we were able to support the following schools and music programs in 2024:

Accent Pontiac, MI
All In Music Inc., Rochester, NY
Alzheimer's Foundation
American Federation of Suicide Prevention
Ameripolitano Awards, Austin, TX
Anrak Charitable Foundation
Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Artist Mentorship Program (AMP), Portland, OR
ASCAP Foundation, New York, NY
Atwater Elementary, Los Angeles, CA
Autism Up, Rochester, NY
Bach to Rock, Various
Ballad Health Foundation / Niswonger Children's Hospital, Johnson City, TN
Baltimore Classical Guitar Society Inc., Baltimore, MD
Band 4 Kids, Mount Airy, NC
Be Part of the Music
BeachLife Festival, Hermosa Beach, CA
Beaumont ISD, Beaumont, TX
Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, Glendale, CA
Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, CA
Braxton County High School, Sutton, WV
Break the Silence
Breakfast with the Beatles, Boston, MA
Bridges 2 Hope, Phoenix, AZ
Brighton High School, Brighton, MA
Caballeros Music, San Diego, CA
Centennial High School, Urbana, IL
Challenge America
Chesapeake High School, Chesapeake, OH
Chesterfield-Ruby Middle School, Chesterfield, SC
Chula Vista Elementary District, Chula Vista, CA
Cindy Walker Foundation, Mexia, TX
Circle Haven, Glassboro, NJ
Coeur d'Alene HS, Coeur d'Alene, ID
Colton Middle School, Colton, CA
Community Music School, Allentown, PA
Community Resource Center of Stanwood, WA
Concerts for Autism
Concerts of Causes, Baltimore, MD
Conejo Schools Foundation, Conejo Valley, CA
Corvallis Orchestras, Corvallis, MO
CreatiVets, Nashville, TN
Daleville High School, Daleville, AL
Daraja Music Initiative, Tanzania
Darryn J. Benjamin Foundation, Bixby, OK
Davis Bilingual Elementary School, Tucson, AZ
Devonshire Elementary School, Charlotte, NC
Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, NV
Dover Elementary School, San Pablo, CA
Down Syndrome Association
Drums for Success, Los Angeles, CA
Dwavern Tavern (formerly Foundation for Spiritual Research), Hamilton, OH
Electric Moon, Los Angeles
Enedina B. Guerra Elementary, Edinburg, TX
Environmental Charter, Pittsburgh, PA
Eubanks Conservatory of Music and Arts, Gardena, CA
Eureka Truevine Baptist Church, Memphis, TN
Fairview Middle School, Fairview, TN
Family & Youth Initiative
Ford Blvd Elementary, East Los Angeles, CA
Forest Hills Northern High School, Grand Rapids, MI
Garden of Angels, Santa Monica, CA
Get Together Foundation, Los Angeles
Girls Make Beats, Miami, FL
Girls Rock Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ
Global Arts, Los Angeles, CA
Gold Hill Middle School, Fort Mill, SC
Graham School, Mount Vernon, NY
Grand Vision Foundation, San Pedro, CA
Great Falls Middle School, Montague, MA
Great Heights, Miami, FL
Greenland Band, Greenland, AR
Guitars Antiqua Music Program, Lennox, CA
Guitars for Vets
Guitars in the Classroom, San Diego, CA
Guitars over Guns, Chicago, IL
Hands in the Community
Harmony Project, Los Angeles, CA
Hellen Caro Elementary, Pensacola, FL
Hermosa Valley PTO, Hermosa, CA
Herrin CUSD No. 4, Herrin, IL
Higher Octave Healing, Tempe, AZ
Hilltop Middle School, Chula Vista, CA
Hilltop Middle School Mariachi, Ilwaco, WA
Hodges Elementary School, Balch Springs, TX
Holy-wood, Gardena, CA
Hope House Christian Ministries, Los Angeles, CA
Hopes House Church, San Fernando
Horizon Elementary, Madison, AL

BRINGING MUSIC TO PEOPLE IN NEED

Continued List of Grantees for 2024

HY Livesay Middle School / Powell Valley, Harrogate, TN
In Tune Music Inc., Greensboro, NC
Inner City Youth Orchestra LA, Los Angeles
Jazz Empowers, New York City
Jillian Ludwig Scholarship, Nashville, TN
John Hope Continuation School, Los Angeles, CA
Joy RX Children's Cancer Association
Kipp Sol Academy, Los Angeles
LA Music and Art School, Los Angeles, CA
Lakeland High School, Wanaque, NJ
Lakeshore Elementary, San Francisco, CA
Las Vegas High School Mariachi, Las Vegas, NV
Latin Music Hub, Miami, FL
Live Out Loud Foundation, Orange County, CA
Madison Band Boosters, Oceanside, CA
Man Up Club, Minneapolis, MN
Marana High School, Tucson, AZ
Mariachi Luz de Oro de Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
Marrero Middle School, San Fernando, CA
Mondays at the Mission, Los Angeles, CA
Monroe High School, Northridge, CA
Moorpark High School, Moorpark, CA
Music Drives Us Foundation
Music Education Initiative
Music Forward, Los Angeles
Musically Fed
Musicians in Action, Los Angeles, CA
MY CHAPEL, Pasadena, TX
Nansemond River High School, Suffolk, VA
Nashville Songwriters Association International, TN
Naslund & Naslund Foundation, Agoura Hills, CA
National Charity League
New Orleans Jazz Museum, New Orleans, LA
New Outlook Academy, Pittsburgh
New Urban Arts, Providence, RI
New Waverly HS, New Waverly, TX
New West Symphony, Thousand Oaks
Newport Elementary, Newport, CA
Next Generation Jazz Band, New Orleans, LA
NolaKeys, New Orleans, LA
Nova Classical Academy, Santana, CA
Olathe High School, Olathe, KS
OmniPeace, Los Angeles, CA
Operation Check Six, Lake Park, MN
Orange Vista High School, Perris, CA
Orting Middle School, Orting, WA
Pioneer Middle School, Cooper City, FL
Play It Forward Foundation, Portland, OR
Pleasant Valley High School, Chico, CA
PS 11 Parent Teacher Association, Brooklyn, NY
PS 272 Curtis Estabrook School, New York City, NY
Rawkstar Youth Development, East Taunton, MA
Recovery Advocate Network
Riverside High School, Belle, WV
Rockingham County Schools, Rockingham, VA
Roosevelt High School, Los Angeles, CA
Rosie's House: A Music Academy, Phoenix, AZ
Salvation Army - Hollywood, Hollywood, CA
San Bernardino Teen Music Workshop, CA
Santa Clara Elementary School, Tucson, AZ
Saugus VFW, Saugus, MA
Second Line Arts, New Orleans, LA
Shenandoah High School, Shenandoah, IA
Sherwood Elementary, Sandy Spring, MD
Silver Creek High School, San Jose, CA
Somis Union District School, Somis, CA
Sound Haus Studios, New Orleans, LA
Soundscapes, Newport News, VA
Southeast Ventura County YMCA, Ventura, CA
Springfield HS, Springfield, IL
St. Louis Classical Guitar Society, St. Louis, MO
Summit Academy, Herman, PA
Symphonic Jazz Orchestra, Los Angeles
Ted Brown Music, Tacoma, WA
The Adult Skills Center (TASC), Santa Clarita, CA
The Artist Mentorship Program (AMP), Portland, OR
The Foundation for Las Virgenes Schools, Thousand Oaks, CA
The Music Path, Glendale, CA
The Narrative Method
Today's Future Sound / Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation, Oakland, CA
Transit Tech High School, Brooklyn, NY
Traveling Guitar Foundation
Trinity Middle School, Washington, PA
Tua Foundation, Miami, FL
Unatego Elementary School, Unadilla, NY
Union Rescue Mission, Skid Row, CA
Urban Voices, Los Angeles, CA
USC - Jedi Initiative, Los Angeles, CA
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN
Veritas Enrichment Inc., Kimberling City, MO
Veteran Services of California
Volcano Vista High School Band Boosters, Albuquerque, NM
Wellborn High School, Anniston, AL
West Oakland Middle School, Oakland, CA
White Hall Arts Academy, Los Angeles, CA
Women's Freedom Song Contest, Canada
Wonderful World Friends of Music Therapy, New York
You Can Thrive!, New York
Youth Trumpet Scholars, Orange County, CA



ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Guitar Center Music Foundation statement of revenue and expenses for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2024.

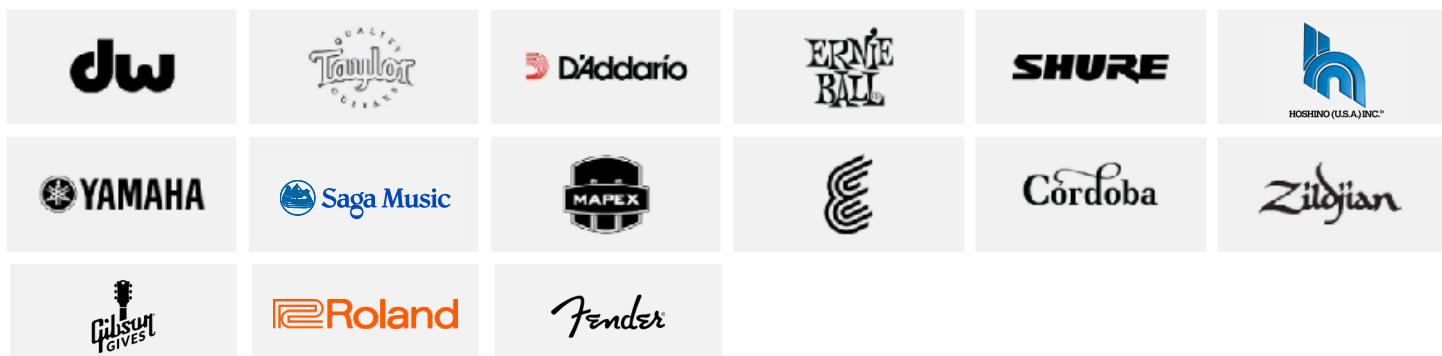
2024 REVENUE

Round Up Campaign Donations	\$512,346
Event Donations	\$117,225
Individual Donations	\$6,073
Foundations/ Corporations	\$45,132
Merch Sales	\$48,269
Gifts In-Kind	\$151,919
Total	\$880,966

2024 EXPENSES

Total Program Expenses	\$553,156
Total Fundraising	\$251,009
Total General Admin	\$66,983
Total Expenses	\$871,147

GIFT IN KIND DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

ASCAP Foundation | <https://www.ascapfoundation.org>

Be Part of the Music | <https://www.bepartofthemusic.org>

Challenge America | <https://www.challengeamerica.com>

Custom House | <https://custom-house.co>

Gibson Gives | <https://www.gibsonfoundation.org>

Girls Make Beats | <https://www.girlsmakebeats.org>

Guitars in the Classroom | <https://www.guitarsintheclassroom.org>

Jazz Hands for Autism | <https://www.jazzhandsforautism.org>

Music Forward Foundation | <https://musicforwardfoundation.org/our-partners-live-nation/>

Musically Fed | <https://www.musicallyfed.org>

Urban Voices | <https://urbanvoicesproject.org>





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WITH YOUR HELP, WE MAKE FUNDING POSSIBLE FOR

Music Therapy and Mental Health

Recognizing the role music plays in healing

Adults and Children with Neurodivergent Abilities

Music has the power to transform adults and children with special needs

Veterans

Music transforms the lives of Veterans with PTSD

The Unhoused or Incarcerated Youth and Adults

Music is a consistent presence

Disaster Relief

Replacing musical instruments destroyed

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