

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Guitar
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Music
Foundation



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

THANK YOU

TO OUR DONORS AND PARTNERS



\$1,998,758

Total revenue raised



141

Music programs supported



\$1,992,412

Total expenses



39

States served grants



15,189+

People impacted through our grants



700

LA Wildfire survivors provided instruments

BRINGING MUSIC TO PEOPLE IN NEED

Thanks to your donations, we were able to support the following schools and music programs in 2025:

785TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION - FRASER, MI
A. R. RAHMAN FOUNDATION - INDIA
ADELPHOI EDUCATION LATROBE - LATROBE, PA
ALHAMBRA MUSIC ACADEMY - ALTADENA, CA
ALTADENA ELEMENTARY - ALTADENA, CA
ALTADENA MUSICIANS - ALTADENA, CA
AMAZING MUSIC STORE - PACIFIC PALISADES, CA
ANGELA G. LEAL ELEMENTARY - SAN BENITO, TX
ANGELICA CENTER FOR ARTS AND MUSIC - LOS ANGELES, CA
ASCAP FOUNDATION - NEW YORK, NY
ASHLEY RIVER CREATIVE ARTS ELEMENTARY - CHARLESTON, SC
AUTISM MODEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL - TOLEDO, OH
BAND OF VETERANS AND FRIENDS CORP - MASSAPEQUA, NY
BEST LIFE RECOVERY - HUNTSVILLE, AL
BLUE SPRINGS CITY THEATRE - BLUE SPRINGS, MO
BLUEPRINT ACADEMY - WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA
BOLIVAR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL - BOLIVAR, MO
BROOKLYN COLLEGE - BROOKLYN, NY
BUNKER R3 SCHOOL DISTRICT - BUNKER, MO
CANTICUM NOVUM INTERNATIONAL - BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA
CENTENNIAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS - UTICA, NE
CHALLENGE AMERICA
CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL
CIVITAN FOUNDATION, INC. - PHOENIX, AZ
CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL - ANCHORAGE, AK
COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - DECATUR, GA
CREATE NOW INC. - LOS ANGELES, CA
DARAJA MUSIC INITIATIVE - TANZANIA
DARRYN J. BENJAMIN FOUNDATION - TULSA, OK
DAVID Z. FOUNDATION
DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - ALTADENA, CA
DOWNTOWN WORCESTER - WORCESTER, MA
DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - DUNKIRK, NY
DYNAMO STUDIOS - CHATTANOOGA, TN
ELECTRIC MOON FOUNDATION - LOS ANGELES, CA
ELIOT ARTS ACADEMY - ALTADENA, CA
ELLA WHITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - ALPENA, MI
EZEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - WEST LIBERTY, KY
FALMOUTH COMMUNITY VETERANS CENTER - FALMOUTH, MA
FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION - FARGO, ND
GAINESVILLE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA - GAINESVILLE, FL
GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL - MARQUETTE HEIGHTS, IL
GIVING GUITARS
GORSUCH WEST ELEMENTARY - LANCASTER, OH
GREENE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL - SNOW HILLS, NC
GUITARISTS FOR GOOD
GUITARS FOR VETS - BROOKFIELD, WI
GUITARS IN THE CLASSROOM - SAN DIEGO, CA

HABILITAT - PEARL CITY, HI
HANDS 4 HOPE LA - NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA
HARMONY PROJECT - LOS ANGELES, CA
HARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT - HARRINGTON, WA
HEART OF LA - LOS ANGELES, CA
HOLY INNOCENTS SCHOOL - LONG BEACH, CA
HOPE FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES - SPRINGFIELD, MA
IBERIA MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND - NEW IBERIA, LA
ILLUMINATE ARTS CO. - ATTLEBORO, MA
INDIANA BLIND CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION - INDIANAPOLIS, IN
JAZZ HANDS FOR AUTISM - LOS ANGELES, CA
JAZZ POWER INITIATIVE - NEW YORK, NY
JEWISH TEMPLE OF PASADENA - ALTADENA, CA
JONES PAIDEIA ELEMENTARY - NASHVILLE, TN
JUNIOR APPALACHIAN MUSICIANS - INDEPENDENCE, VA
KELLY MILLER MIDDLE SCHOOL - WASHINGTON, DC
LEE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL - MARIANNA, AR
LONG BEACH POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL - LONG BEACH, CA
LUCILE PACKARD FDT FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH - PALO ALTO, CA
MACKS CREEK R-V SCHOOLS - MACKS CREEK, MO
MAKING MUSIC MATTERS - WEST ROXBURY, MA
MARY W. JACKSON STEAM ACADEMY - ALTADENA, CA
MEADE HIGH SCHOOL - FT MEADE, MD
MICHELLE OBAMA STEM ELEMENTARY ACADEMY - HAMPTON, GA
MILDRIE'S ROAD FOUNDATION INC. - LANCASTER, CA
MLSE, INC. - ALTUS, OK
MONROE HIGH SCHOOL - NORTHRIDGE, CA
MORGAN CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - WEST LIBERTY, KY
MT. CARMEL VETERANS SERVICE CENTER PUEBLO - PUEBLO, CO
MUSACK - LOS ANGELES, CA
MUSIC FOR VETERANS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION - DUNEDIN, FL
MUSICALLY FED - LOS ANGELES, CA
MUSICIANS ON CALL - NASHVILLE, TN
NASHVILLE SONGWRITER'S ASSOCIATION INTL - NASHVILLE, TN
NATIONAL SONGWRITERS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
NEW ORLEANS MISSION - NEW ORLEANS, LA
NEW YORK POPS - NEW YORK, NY
NFI NORTH CONTOOCCOOK SCHOOL - CONTOOCCOOK, NH
OAK KNOLL MONTESSORI - ALTADENA, CA
OCALA STEEL ORCHESTRA - OCALA, FL
OMNIPEACE - LOS ANGELES, CA
ORCHARD VILLAGE - SKOKIE, IL
PACIFIC YOUTH THEATER - PACIFIC PALISADES, CA
PARTNERS FOR PEDIATRIC VISION - ALTADENA, CA
PASADENA UNIFIED FOSTER CARE - PASADENA, CA
PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PEARSON RANCH MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA - AUSTIN, TX
PIONEER UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT MUSIC COALITION - SOMERSET, CA

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PŌMAIKA'I ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - KAHULUI, HI
PRECIOUS LAMB PRESCHOOL - LOS ANGELES, CA
RAE OF LIGHT FOUNDATION - WALL TOWNSHIP, NJ
RAWKSTARS - EAST TAUNTON, MA
RENAISSANCE SECONDARY SCHOOL - CASTLE ROCK, CO
RESTRING APPALACHIA - CHATTANOOGA, TN
RHYTHMS OF THE VILLAGE
RIVEROAKS ELEMENTARY CHOIR - BATON ROUGE, LA
ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL - LOS ANGELES, CA
ROOTS OF MUSIC - NEW ORLEANS, LA
RYAN SEACREST FOUNDATION - NASHVILLE, TN
SANTA CLARA ELEMENTARY - OXNARD, CA
SAVE A LIFE RECOVERY RESOURCE CENTER - LINCOLN, ME
SCHAUMBURG ELEMENTARY - NEW ORLEANS, LA
SERVING OTHERS WELL - MEMPHIS, TN
SEVEN ARROWS ELEMENTARY - PACIFIC PALISADES, CA
SHADOW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL - PHOENIX, AZ
SHE IS THE MUSIC
SILVER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL - SAN JOSE, CA
SOUTH LINCOLN SCHOOL - FAYETTEVILLE, TN
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ST. LUCIE ELEMENTARY - FORT PIERCE, FL
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL - LEE, MA
ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH SCHOOL - PACIFIC PALISADES, CA
STONE MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL - STONE MOUNTAIN, GA
STONEHAM CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND - STONEHAM, MA
STONES RIVER MANOR - MURFREESBORO, TN
SUSTAINABILITY ACADEMY - BURLINGTON, VT
SUSTAINABLE ARTISTS - HOUSTON, TX
SYMPHONIC JAZZ ORCHESTRA - LOS ANGELES, CA





ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Guitar Center Music Foundation statement of revenue and expenses
for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

2025 Revenue

Round Up Campaign Donations	\$468,876
Annual Gala	\$291,545
Individual Donations	\$38,304
Foundations/ Corporations	\$591,142
Merch Sales	\$17,892
Gifts In-Kind	\$582,756
Total	\$1,998,758

2025 Expenses

Total Grants Given	\$1,453,873
Total Program Expenses	\$1,560,824
Total Fundraising	\$383,897
Total General Admin	\$41,151
Total	\$1,992,246

GIFT IN-KIND DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM

Sony Music
Music & Arts
Sook Family Foundation
Gibson
Sennheiser
Universal Audio
Hoshino
Guitar Center Company
Marshall
Martin
Ludwig
SAGA

Alpha/Theta Pioneer
Get Together Foundation
Shure
ESP Guitars
Wells Fargo
Brushfire Records
Audio-Technica
JBL Professional and AKG
Frederick Foundation
NAMM Foundation
Yamaha
Zildjian

Roland
D'Addario Foundation
Pearl Drums
Paiste
Hollywood in Music Media Awards
Remo
Sabian
Gretsch Drums
KHS America
Cordoba
Eastman
AEA Microphones



GCMF PROVIDED ONE-TIME GRANTS TO REPLACE INSTRUMENTS LOST IN THE LA WILDFIRES

Guitar Center Music Foundation has helped over 600 musicians in LA to replace musical instruments lost in the LA Wildfires. The foundation received over 1,000 applications. Special thanks to all our vendors and donors who helped us with this incredible undertaking – especially Gibson Gives, Sony Music, and the Sook Family Foundation.



LA Schools/Orgs Received Fire Relief

Amazing Music Store (Pacific Palisades)
Alhambra Music Academy (Altadena)
Altadena Elementary School
Deliverance Tabernacle (Altadena)
Eliot Arts Academy (Altadena)
Jewish Temple of Pasadena
Mary W. Jackson STEAM Academy
Oak Knoll Montessori
Pacific Youth Theater
Rhythms of the Village (Altadena)
Seven Arrows Elementary (Pacific Palisades)
St. Matthew's Parish School (Pacific Palisades)



THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED

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