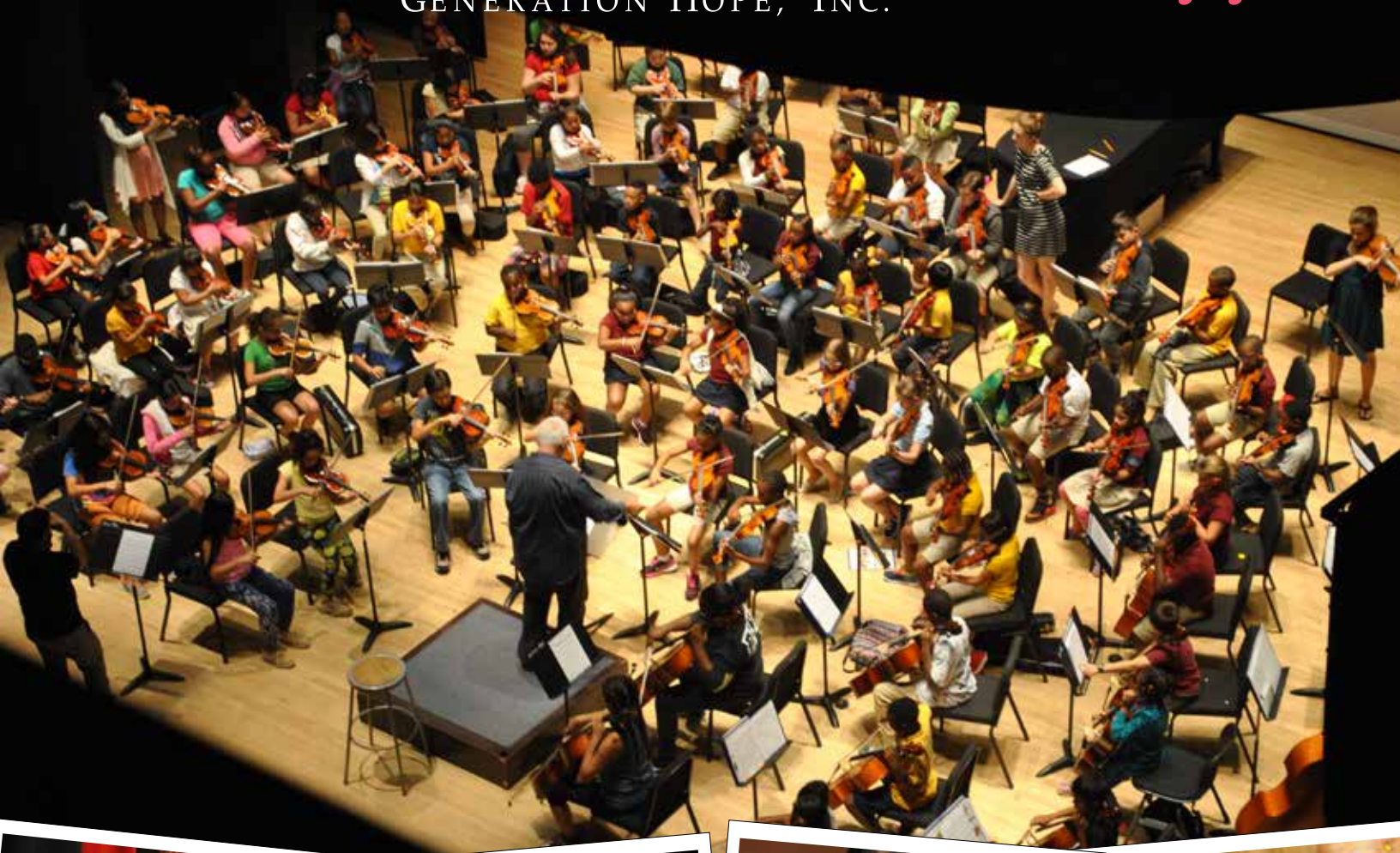


NAT KING COLE
GENERATION HOPE, INC.



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

Nat King Cole Generation Hope's mission is to provide music education to children with the greatest need and fewest resources by funding programs that provide for instruction, mentoring and resources.

VISION STATEMENT

Nat King Cole Generation Hope envisions a day when all children are given the opportunity to achieve and experience excellence in music. Founded in 2008 to honor and preserve the Cole Family Legacy, the goal is to foster harmony between people through music, the universal language of all mankind.

OUR 2016 TEAM

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NOTICE OF

NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY:

Nat King Cole Generation Hope does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to all.



CO-FOUNDERS MESSAGE

Keeping Music Alive is more than a mission for the supporters of Nat King Cole Generation Hope – it is a Passion!



In 2016, with the help of our donors and supporters, we provided hundreds of children access to quality music education. Programs that benefitted included our Summer Strings camp which was expanded to two weeks; Mentors in Schools; Instruments were placed with Guitars Over Guns, Okeechobee High School and the Youth Activity Center; and a deserving high school senior was given the opportunity to attend college through our Nat and Maria Cole Memorial Scholarship.

As we look forward to the future, Nat King Cole Generation Hope is expanding nationally and will strive to work with others to improve the lives of children – we will actively seek volunteers, partnerships and collaboration. Our programs will provide not only access but the tools needed to put music in the hands and hearts of those we serve.

Keeping Music Alive,

Timolin Cole, Co-founder

Casey Cole, Co-founder

WHY MUSIC

Nat King Cole Generation Hope values music as a critical learning tool that keeps students engaged in school, helps develop well-rounded individuals and encourages skills that are vital for success in the 21st century.

Research has proven that access to a quality music education engages students in the classroom and increases graduation rates; improves early cognitive development, math and reading skills; enhances learning in other core subjects; develops critical thinking and leadership skills; and fosters self-esteem and the ability to work cooperatively in teams.





WHAT WE DO

Instruction • Mentoring • Resources

Summer music camp

We have created a proven model for providing music education to children that uses strategic partnerships and teaching methods to produce quantifiable impact in the lives of the children served. Our program provides educational opportunities for children, mentors and teachers; a philanthropic avenue to support education and culture for funders; as well as a cultural experience or the community.

Our approach: "RISE UP"

1. Research music education needs in community
2. Identify music education partners and beneficiaries
3. Solidify funding and in-kind support
4. Educate and provide resources
5. Utilize lessons learned to improve and expand
6. Promote community engagement

Mentors in schools

In our effort to provide year-round we have funded a program that places select graduate and post-graduate music mentors in schools during the school year. Mentors work closely with school directors to formulate and implement a plan specifically designed for the group as well as individual students. Mentors, many from our summer program, provide individual and/ small group instruction, coaching and audition prep. As with the Summer Strings program, directors and mentors say they see marked improvement in student participation, confidence and willingness to learn.

Instruments

We have worked with music store partners to provide new instruments to start an elementary music program and funded a \$10,000 Piano Grant with our partner VH1 Save the Music. In addition, we solicit donations of used instruments from schools, students and the community; partner with local music stores to have them repaired at cost; and place them with schools and organizations in need. To date the retail value of instruments that have been placed in with schools and organizations with children in need exceeds \$100,000.

College Scholarship

The Nat and Maria Cole Memorial Scholarship was created in 2014 for a deserving student to further his or her education in music. In partnership with the George Snow Scholarship Fund, which provides

educational grants to the brightest and most deserving young scholars, we fund a four-year scholarship that is designed to bridge the gap between other financial aid and what the scholar and their families can afford.



HOW WE DO IT



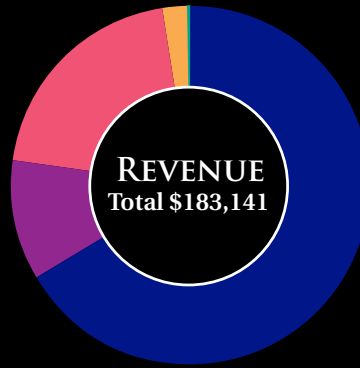
Nat King Cole Generation Hope is fully supported by the community. We rely on our passionate volunteers championing our cause and the following avenues to raise the funds needed to support the music education programs and services we provide:

Public Support consisting of Nat King Cole Generation Hope President's Society Giving Circle, Annual Giving and General Donations; as well as grants from individuals, foundations and corporations.

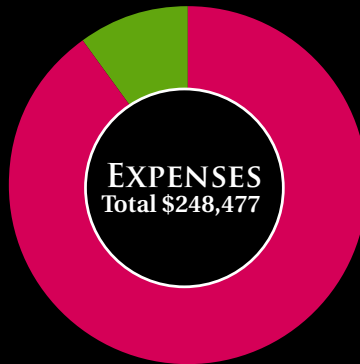
Events consisting of our President's Society Dinner and Special Events.

In-kind Donations consisting of musical instruments and resources; supplies needed for our programs and office; auction items; and services provided by those who are willing to share their expertise and time.

Donations made to Nat King Cole Generation Hope are fully tax deductible to the extent of the law.



Individual and Business Contributions	\$101,077
Corporate Contributions	\$16,250
Indirect Public Support	\$30,614
Grant Income	\$35,000
Investments	\$200



Program Services	\$223,926
Management and General	\$24,551

\$152,855 Total Assets as of December 31, 2016

"In 2016 approximately 90 cents out of every dollar spent benefited music education programs and services provided to children with the greatest need and fewest resources."



Nat King Cole Generation Hope has received the GuideStar Exchange Gold participation level, a leading symbol of transparency and accountability provided by GuideStar USA, Inc., the premier source of nonprofit information. This level demonstrates Nat King Cole Generation Hope's deep commitment to nonprofit transparency and accountability.

2016 PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY

We thank the following Nat King Cole Generation Hope donors for their 2016 President's Society gift. Their devoted efforts and generosity make a difference in the lives of so many.

Silver \$100,000-\$249,999

Boca West Foundation

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