MISSION STATEMENT
Nat King Cole Generation Hope, Inc.’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 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.

In 2018 we celebrated 10 years as an organization with our mission to provide access to quality music education to children in need. We are proud of our success in placing music education programs and services in 66 different schools and organizations, as well as serving more than 35,000 children with the greatest need and fewest resources!

2018 was a banner year as we expanded our premier program Summer Strings into Chicago, Illinois; music mentors were placed in a Title 1 school for an entire school year, our instrument program provided instruments to 10 schools; and another deserving high school senior was given the opportunity to attend college through our Nat and Maria Cole Memorial Scholarship.

Nat King Cole Generation Hope is also celebrating the 100th birthday of our namesake. Enclosed you will see photos from our kickoff event in early 2019, as well the names of those who celebrate Nat King Cole’s legacy with us by supporting our efforts!

We know that music improves educational outcomes, provides opportunity for creative expression, empowers youth to succeed, connects individuals at a higher level, and improves quality of life overall! As we look forward to the future, we invite you to join us in fostering harmony between people through music, the universal language of all mankind.

Keeping Music Alive,

Casey Cole, Co-Founder
Timolin Cole, Co-Founder
WHY MUSIC:

**Better Test Scores**
Nature Neuroscience found that students participating in music education programs score higher on standardized tests than students who do not.

**Higher Graduation Rates**
According to Children’s Music Workshop, schools with music programs averaged a 90.2% graduation rate, while schools without music education had an average graduation rate of 72.9%.

**Fewer Discipline Issues**
A study from the Northeast Iowa School of Music found that children involved with music programs have shown to have fewer discipline issues and get along better with classmates.

**Greater Cognitive Benefits**
There are numerous cognitive benefits when children participate in music education programs including having greater abstract reasoning, better listening skills and improved memory.

**Improved Ability to Accept Constructive Criticism**
A study published by The Wall Street Journal found that children involved in music education programs “offer a space where kids learn how to accept and give constructive criticism.” Another study from the Neighborhood Music School in New Haven, CT concurred and found that “Turning negative feedback into positive change helps build self-confidence.”
WHAT WE DO

*Instruction • Mentoring • Resources*

**OUR PROGRAMS:**
Nat King Cole Generation Hope has created proven models for providing music education to children that use strategic partnerships and teaching methods to produce quantifiable impact in the lives of children served. Our programs provide educational opportunities for children, mentors and teachers; philanthropic avenues to support music education for funders; as well as cultural experiences for the community.

**Summer Music Camps**
Students from Title 1 schools are provided an opportunity to receive quality music instruction from university graduate and undergraduate student mentors, school district teachers and former summer camp alumni. Curriculum incorporates the education plans of the school district and university in a cohesive mix that provides an innovative learning environment that propels students to engage with their mentors and become more passionate about their musical abilities.

*Please join us in 2020 and see how your support makes a difference! Summer Strings at Lynn University - June 15-26, Summer Strings at VanderCook College of Music - July 27-August 1, and Summer Jazz at Florida Atlantic University - June 8-12.*

**Mentors in Schools**
Nat King Cole Generation Hope in our effort to provide year-round learning, 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.

**Instruments**
Nat King Cole Generation Hope works with partners to refurbish and place used instruments donated from schools, students and the community with schools and organizations in need.

**College Scholarship**
The Nat and Maria Cole Memorial Scholarship was created in 2014 for a deserving student to further their 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 passionate volunteers championing our cause and the following avenues to raise the funds needed to support music education programs and services: Nat King Cole Generation Hope President’s Society Giving Circle, annual giving and general donations; grants from individuals, foundations and corporations; events and concerts; as well as in-kind donations.

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

REVENUE
$214,138

Individual and Business Contributions $109,342
Corporate Contributions $38,500
Grant Income $63,050
Miscellaneous Revenue $3,246

EXPENSES
$275,466

Program Services $222,304
Management and General $39,706
Fundraising $13,456

Total assets beginning of 2018 were $86,341 and end of 2018 were $70,166.
PRESIDENT’S SOCIETY DONORS
Celebrating a decade of Keeping Music Alive!

SILVER CIRCLE $100,000 - $249,999
- Boca West Children’s Foundation
- Patriot Insurance/Mariano Foundation

VISIONARY CIRCLE $50,000 - $99,999
- Celebrity Cruise Lines
- EM Lynn Foundation

PATRON CIRCLE $10,000 - $24,999
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- Cultural Council of Palm Beach County
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- Excel Services Corporation
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As we celebrate Nat King Cole’s 100th birthday, we remember his accomplishments and in tribute we keep his legacy alive by providing music education for children with the greatest need and fewest resources.

Special thanks go to those who made donations in 2018-2019 and became Nat King Cole 100th Centennial Ambassadors.

**CENTENNIAL AMBASSADORS**

$100 - $999

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- Pete & Terry Beck
- Angelo Bianco
- Shelley C. Bloomfield
- Amanda Burke
- Judith A. Cothran
- Cindy Dodson
- Stuart & Shelley Epstein
- Anthony & Ellen Ferrelli
- Joseph Forte
- Christi Garrison
- Elizabeth Grace
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- Jill W. G. La Vea
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- SynchroMind: The Leadership Development Company
- T & T Homes, Inc.
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- Allan Vartelas
- Lillian Vineberg
- Bonnie Walker

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LIONEL RICHIE:  
We’re celebrating the 100th birthday of Nat Cole and the Generation Hope’s mission of keeping music alive. I am here because Nat gave me hope and I want to give these kids the same opportunity that this wonderful gentleman gave me. God bless you all.

RUDY PEREZ:  
Happy 100th birthday to the unforgettable and one of my greatest musical heroes Mr. Nat King Cole. Nat you would be so proud of how your girls, Timolin and Casey, are carrying on your name and legacy by keeping music alive for our kids. Congratulations to all who work so hard at Generation Hope you’re a great inspiration!

GREGORY PORTER:  
Happy 100th birthday Mr. Nat King Cole.

JOHNNY MATHIS:  
I want to congratulate Nat King Cole Generation Hope for 10 years of providing music education to children in need and for celebrating and honoring my personal hero Nat King Cole.

TONY BENNETT:  
Happy 100th birthday Nat King Cole!

AARON NEVILLE:  
Nat King Cole is one of the greatest vocalists of all times and a great inspiration to me. I love singing his songs and I’ll be singing them as long as I’m here. Happy birthday Nat King Cole.

DAVID FOSTER:  
Happy 100th birthday Nat King Cole and also a huge congrats to Generation Hope. Thank you so much for keeping music alive in the schools. We need it and we must have it. Happy happy birthday Nat. May your music live on and on and on and on...

GEORGE BENSON:  
...and let us never forget the great voice of the incredible Nat King Cole.
Karmelysa is a first-generation Haitian immigrant and has participated in our summer strings program for the past 8 years. She started the program as a 4th grader playing cello and after 2 years not only advanced on her instrument but earned a scholarship to the Lynn University Conservatory prep program as well as auditioned for and attended BAK Middle School of the Arts. While attending BAK she auditioned for and was accepted into their advanced strings program and traveled to New York City to perform on the stage of Carnegie Hall. Her teachers and parents have said that none of this would have happened without her having access to quality music education through our summer strings camp.

Today Karmelysa continues attending Summer Strings at Lynn University, but she now serves as a student mentor where she works with younger students and leads sectional and individual lessons. She says, “A lot of the time kids struggle with a certain passage or piece and after working with them, making sure they practice, and helping them become an overall better musician... I see them benefit from the work and how happy and excited they are that they can accomplish what they are trying to do. This motivates me to come back every year and work with them. Being a student and student mentor has taught me a lot, from patience to how to become a better musician.” Karmelysa is currently a Senior attending Alexander W. Dreyfoos High School of the Arts, one of the highest rated schools in the country.

…and while she is not sure she will continue as a performer, she is adamant that music will always be a part of her life!
Since 2008 Nat King Cole Generation Hope has provided access to quality music education to over 35,000 children with the greatest need and fewest resources from the following schools and organizations:

**NATIONAL**
VH1 Save the Music

**FLORIDA**
AD Henderson University School
Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts
American Senior High School
Arts and Culture Center of Ft Lauderdale
Arts Garage
Belvedere Elementary School
Berkshire Elementary School
Boca Raton Community High School
Boca Raton Middle School
Boca Raton Symphonía
Cholee Lake Elementary School
Congress Middle School
Dillard High School
Dr. Mary Mcleod Bethune Elementary School
Egret Lake Elementary School
Florida Youth Orchestra
Forest Hill Community High School
Guitars Over Guns Operation
Heritage Elementary School
Irie Foundation
Jaega Middle School
JFK Middle School
KEC/Canal Point Elementary School
Lake Worth Community High School
Lake Worth Middle School
L. C. Swain Middle School
Lynn University Conservatory of Music
New World School of the Performing Arts
New World Symphony
Northmore Elementary School
Northwest Miami Senior High School
Okeechobee High School
Palm Springs Elementary School
Palmetto Elementary School
Piper High School
Plumosa Elementary School of the Arts
Riviera Beach Boys and Girls Club
Roosevelt Community Middle School
Summer Strings at Lynn University
The Conservatory School at North Palm Beach
The Nat and Maria Cole Memorial Scholarship
U.B. Kinsey/Palmview Elementary School of the Arts
West Boca Raton Community High School
Youth Activity Center
Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County

**ILLINOIS**
Amundsen High School
Carl Schurz High School
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School
De La Salle Institute
Hamilton Elementary School
Harold Washington College
Knox College
Lane Tech College Prep High School
Matthew Gallistel Language Academy
Nathan Hale Elementary School
Nicholas Senn High School
Noble Butler College Prep
Northside College Preparatory High School
Summer Strings at VanderCook College of Music
The Chicago High School for the Arts
Victoria Soto High School
Whitney M. Young Magnet High School

**NEW YORK**
Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls

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**YOU TOO CAN MAKE AN IMPACT!**

$100,000 can underwrite the creation of a two week music camp serving 100 children in the state of your choice

$50,000 can place music mentors in 5 under served Title 1 public school classrooms for one school year

$10,000 can provide a 4 year college scholarship to an aspiring music teacher or performer

$5,000 can send 5 children to music camp for two weeks

$1,000 can repair & refurbish up to 10 instruments

$500 can place a music mentor in an afterschool program for four weeks

$100 can provide sheet music to 1 classroom for one school semester

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