The Year in Review…
2 schools served
4 field trips
5 guest artist experiences
18 student performances
260 students served in classes each week
750 students served through music exposure

Great news!
Accent Pontiac’s first annual Music at the Market event was a success—a night full of energy, joy and celebration. Thanks to our generous guests, we raised over $60,000 to support expanded enrollment next year. Thank you to our generous sponsors.

A Note From Our Director, Tina Rowan
“It takes a village to raise a child.” Many of us are familiar with this phrase, and I have personally been reflecting on this concept a great deal. In the context of Accent Pontiac, it is important for us to recognize that we cannot do our work alone—we need strong partners to make the impact on Pontiac youth that we are seeking. I am proud of the partnerships that Accent Pontiac has developed this year. We partnered with Kirk in the Hills to facilitate the participation of four Accent Pontiac girls in the Junior Girls choir. Funding the Future partnered with us to host Rock ‘n’ ArtS, a composition workshop week focused on financial literacy. This summer we have a number of additional partnerships planned: a workshop week with students from Peabody Preparatory; a summer round-up with the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival; the Great Lakes Seminario with other El Sistema-inspired programs; an exchange with local Pontiac organization, Micah 6, during our summer program; and the Pontiac Performing Arts Academy at the Flagstar Strand Theatre. A final shout-out to dedicated partners, Kirk in the Hills and the Pontiac School District. Thank you for your continued support.

Accent Pontiac provides a vibrant learning environment that enabled us to further open up our programming to younger youth who are ready to start incorporating financial literacy into their lives.

- Carolyn Powell, CEO of Funding the Future
Program Highlights

March 8: Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Thank you to the DSO for hosting forty Accent Pontiac students at the Classical Roots Celebration concert!

March 21: Tumbao Bravo
Cuban jazz combo Tumbao Bravo performed for over 750 Pontiac students and led workshops for our after-school student participants. Funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

March 30: Michigan State University
Accent Pontiac students spent the entire day on the MSU campus, eating at the cafeteria, touring the campus, and performing as part of Dr. Tia Harvey’s final lecture recital for her DMA.

April 29—May 3: Rock ‘n’ Art$ Workshop Week
Accent Pontiac partnered with Funding the Future to host a financial literacy-themed workshop week, culminating in two concerts at the Flagstar Strand Theatre. The concerts served over 400 Pontiac Schools students, as well as the Pontiac community. Funded in part by the Beatrice + Reymont Paul Foundation.

Save the Date!

Kirk in the Hills 5K Run/Walk
November 2, 9:00 a.m.
Join us for the 2nd annual Kirk in the Hills 5K Run/Walk! All proceeds benefit Accent Pontiac. Stay tuned for registration and sponsorship information.

Check out our media page
for articles from El Sistema USA, Funding the Future, and The Ensemble highlighting our Rock ‘n’ Art$ workshop week and two of our dedicated staff members: www.accentpontiac.org/media

Last year we were awarded a three-year “PRESTO” grant from El Sistema USA. This year, the PRESTO grant will match donations up to $15,000. Please consider donating today to double your impact!

Donate online at www.accentpontiac.org/donate or mail a check to:
Accent Pontiac
1340 W Long Lake Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Upcoming Events

June 18—21: Workshop Week with Dan Trahey and Peabody Prep Students
June 24: Summer Round-up with Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival
June 27—28: Great Lakes Seminario in Goshen, Indiana
July 29—August 9: Accent Pontiac Summer Program
August 19—23: Pontiac Performing Arts Academy

Stay up to date on our website: www.accentpontiac.org/program