The end of the 2018–2019 school year marked the successful conclusion of Accent Pontiac’s third full year in operation. It has been our privilege to partner with the Pontiac School District. Throughout the year, we have witnessed sustained growth in our students’ musical and performance skills. More importantly, we have watched them become increasingly more committed to their own learning and to each other’s success. We are excited to share some of the details in the following pages.

One major accomplishment of the 2018-2019 year was the launch of Accent Pontiac’s second site at Alcott Elementary School, where students were introduced to woodwind and percussion instruments. We are proud of the response from our students and the progress they made throughout the year.

We are grateful to our donors, volunteers, and supporters, whose generosity has reached into the hearts of our students and teachers. Your contributions are lighting a future of possibilities for our children. Thank you!

Tina Rowan
Executive Director, Accent Pontiac

Linda Ayers, Ph.D.
President, Accent Pontiac Board of Directors
MISSION

Strengthening Pontiac's youth and community through equitable access to intensive and consistent music making.

2 school partners
260 student participants
11 staff members
80 volunteers
OUR PROGRAM

WALT WHITMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

During-school bucket band
2 days per week

After-school brass, percussion, and community time
4 days per week

ALCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

During-school bucket band
2 days per week

After-school woodwinds and community time
2 days per week

KIRK IN THE HILLS CHOIR PARTNERSHIP

After-school choir
1 day per week
A YEAR IN REVIEW

38 weeks of instruction

22 student performances

2 creative composition workshop weeks

7 guest artist events

5 field trips

Social Change Through Music
Rock ‘n’ Art$ Workshop Week

In May, 2019, Accent Pontiac partnered with nonprofit organization Funding the Future to bring rock band GOODING, hip hop duo The Reminders, and guest teaching artists from around the country to work with Accent Pontiac students for one week, composing a piece about financial literacy. Students performed their composition twice at the Flagstar Strand Theatre—first for over 450 Pontiac Schools students and then for the Pontiac community as part of the Pontiac Arts Crawl.

“Learn how to save money, spend it wisely, budget, put some away, let it grow, teach your friends and family, let everybody know about the power, the freedom, let everybody know”

— Student Lyrics
In June, 2019, Accent Pontiac hosted Music at the Market, our first major fundraising event. Music at the Market featured Accent Pontiac students, showcasing their progress over the past year.

Because of the funds raised at Music at the Market, we were able to add an in-school bucket band class at Alcott Elementary School, providing an additional 50 students with access to music education.

Music at the Market Co-chairs:
Karin Elias and Barbara Littleton

175+ attendees

$60,000+ raised
IMPACT

Music education has repeatedly been shown to have positive academic, cognitive and social benefits for students at a range of grade levels in a variety of school settings. Surveys of Accent Pontiac students and partner school staff reinforce both positive attitudes about and the benefits of Accent Pontiac programming in the Pontiac Schools.

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- 99% of Accent Pontiac students say Accent Pontiac helps them feel safe.
- 100% of Accent Pontiac students believe their Accent Pontiac teachers care about them.

“Accent Pontiac helps me to be prepared and brave, and I’ve learned to never give up on my dreams. By playing an instrument in Accent Pontiac, I am learning to be a better person.”
— Accent Pontiac Student
2018–2019 FINANCIALS

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Total Revenue: $350,781

- Grants: $213,500
- Fundraising Events: $93,264
- Individual and Corporate Donations: $39,624
- Earned Income: $800
- Operating Reserves: $610
- In-Kind: $2,963

Total Expenses: $350,781

- Program: $249,961
- Development: $87,685
- Administrative: $13,135
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