

. . . the resources we need to function are linked to the need to disable oppressive systems.  
Investment in this organization is a radical investment.

- YEAH! Community Member

Dear YEAH! Stakeholders,

We hope this message finds you in great spirits, rocking to the beat of life!

As we approach the end of the year, we would like to share our journey and upcoming plans. We're reaching out to you, our valued supporters, because we believe in the power of accessible 🎵 music education 🙌 and its ability to amplify the voices of youth from every corner of our diverse communities.

Over the years, our programs have seen phenomenal success. We've guided 💖2718 young individuals 🧑🎤 in nurturing their creative talents and fostering a sense of community. At least 10,000 others have experienced the transformative benefits of exploring, playing, discovering and uplifting their voices 🎤 through YEAH!'s music education programs. It's truly a testament to the impact we're making.


We've also made significant strides in our operational model: ✨ Transitioning from an instructor volunteer-based structure to fairly compensating our mentors for their invaluable contributions.


✨ Increasing funds for our scholarship program - 54% of this year's participants received partial to full scholarships! Naturally, this shift has led to increased expenses, including essential staff expansion and facility rentals.

Together, we're paving the way for a brighter future. Support our music and activism programs. 🎁 **When you give a gift of \$25, \$50, \$75 . . . you give budding young leaders the gift of** Collaboration, Communication, Community, Creativity, Discovery, Expression, Life Skills, Music, Opportunity, Play, Self-Confidence, Transformation, Voice . . . and more!








**To ensure continued growth and impact, we've made essential adjustments, including postponing Rock Block next Spring and a slight tuition increase for our upcoming June camp, now known as YEAH! Rocks.**


**At YEAH!, our core commitment is to providing every young person with 🎧 tools to transform themselves and their communities through music. To address the financial**

challenges faced by many of our students, we're redoubling our efforts to offer scholarships, regardless of financial constraints.

Join our determined efforts to support any young person seeking access to the power of music and community!

To fully realize this commitment, we rely on your continued support, especially given the recent challenges we've encountered:

-  A decrease in post-pandemic funding.
-  Alumni aging out of our programs.
-  Engaging older youth.
-  Developing new relationships.
-  Ensuring fair compensation for our mentors.
-  Rising cost for venues.
-  Expanding scholarship funding.

In light of these challenges, your belief in our mission sustains us. We humbly request your steadfast support in our end-of-year fundraising campaign, with a goal of raising \$20,000.

The progress we've made this year, with the support of grant awards and your contributions, has enriched our participants' experiences and continues to break down barriers due to gender, differing abilities and interests, race and cultures. Here are some achievements we're proud of:

 Embracing a diverse range of music genres, languages, instruments, and technology in our program offerings.

 Providing opportunities for differently-abled youth to thrive within and beyond our community.

 Introducing dedicated scholarships for Rutherford County Residents and trans youth.

👐 Deepening connections with community organizations and Title 1 Metro Nashville Public Schools.

🎤 Crafting an 18-month strategic plan that outlines additional in-person and virtual workshops, providing instruction and related disciplines that empower music creators and community builders.

🌟 Further empowering young artists to amplify their voices and create art that reflects their unique identities and collective experiences.

Join us in advocating for music education and making a positive impact on the voices of youth and the communities they represent - help us reach our \$20,000 goal for this year's fundraising campaign.

With your partnership, YEAH! can continue to be a haven of connectivity, creativity, and community for the youth we are privileged to serve.

Remember, YOU rock, WE rock, and together, we'll keep on rocking!

Warmly,

Mariela Moscoso  
Executive Director

**Coming soon!**

YEAH! Rocks music and activism summer camp 🎵 will be held the first or second week of June 2024.

Email [director@yeahrocks.org](mailto:director@yeahrocks.org) to be placed on our pre-registration list and receive 15% off rock camp!