

2023 EOY Email #2 - Nov 15

Video “Mis Pensamientos / My Thoughts” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ZhLFFwtrb0>

Dear YEAH! Family -

We hope this message finds you filled with the joy of music! As a valued member of our community, we would like to offer you further insights following last week's email, highlighting our accomplishments over the past year.

In 2023 YEAH! broadened its program offerings to encompass a diverse range of music genres, languages, instruments, technology, and artist development.

We are thrilled to share the incredible talents of this Spring's Rock Block band - TPR - who incorporated Spanish lyrics and the euphonium into their showcase performance (video above) and Fall's Rock Block MNPS Hip Hop Workshop students - who explored the art of MCing, DJing, Breakdancing, Producing, Recording and songwriting. (video below)

Your contributions help create these captivating and diverse musical experiences for our young artists.

Video: <https://youtube.com/shorts/DaAd-iXWrB0?feature=share>

These program enhancements are not just our vision; they are a direct response to the feedback we received from our student and parent surveys. We've listened to youth voices, learned, and acted to create a more dynamic and enriching community for our participants.

GIVE THE GIFT OF CAMP LOGO

Support our end-of-year fundraising campaign, with a 🙌 goal of raising \$20,000.

When you donate to YEAH! You are actively supporting the realization of these survey requests for camp in June 2024:

Longer Program Period and Class Time

What do you think of a 10-week, 3-hour Saturday program?

More Individual Instruction

Are you a teacher or volunteer - your involvement can make a significant difference in providing more personalized instruction!

Workshops on Music History, Social Impact and Artist Development

Do you have a specific workshop request?

Repeat of Popular Workshops

Your support enables us to revisit popular workshops like "Building a Brand", "Songwriting", and "Band Listening", giving our participants the chance to delve deeper into these music essentials.

Top 3 Skills Developed at YEAH! Programs this year: self-confidence, inclusion and self-advocacy

Your generosity contributes to the development of these crucial life skills, empowering our youth and community to navigate towards a stronger future.

Top 3 Discussions Topics of interest to fuel community and songwriting in future programs: peer

pressure, current events affecting marginalized communities, music preferences and opinions.

What would you like to discuss and be inspired by amongst a supportive community?

To illustrate the impact of your support, here is another inspiring video and lyrics from our Rock Block and Rock Block MNPS students. Their words reflect the depth of creativity and self-expression your donations help cultivate:

Video: Sick of It" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HbUfAC1zSck>

*Ay my name is Munchie
And I come from the country
I'm always hungry
And at home I got nothing
I come downstairs to see who's cooking
And when I turn the corner I can see people looking*

Your continued support allows us to break down barriers, affirm inclusion, and provide transformative experiences for our young musicians. Please consider contributing today to help YEAH! Continue this vital work!

*I started dance just last year
And at first I started to fear*

*When I started this year I had no fear
I felt so confident ya know
I was boping it*

When I started to dance

*I had a chance
Givin' it a try
I had so many fish to fry*

*Yo You know
I'm still going
Yo I'm flowin*

BUTTON: Donate the Gift of Transformation, Voice, Collaboration and . . .

Your contributions truly make a difference in the lives of our participants and community. Thank you for being part of an essential musical journey at YEAH!

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

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