



The Modern Roots Foundation

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Final Report City of Ashland

This final report is on the Modern Roots Foundation, which was partially supported by a grant from the City of Ashland. The Modern Roots Foundation financially scholarships disadvantaged children into music lessons and workshops/camps in Jackson County. The grant was made to underwrite expenses for music instruction fees, designed to provide access to our programming for underserved communities.

This was a big of operations for the Modern Roots Foundation (MRF). A young organization, we are pleased that we surpassed our goal over supporting over 2,000 hours of instruction to students in the Rogue Valley!

By the end of our scholarship session, we awarded over 2000+ hours of music instruction, affected over 200 children, hosted two events that catered Roots Music to over 1,000 Rogue Valley residents, helped facilitate intergenerational music partnerships (Grizzly Fiddlers mentorship program, AHS/Creekside Strings) and continued our series of Rogue Roots and Strings Music Camps, where 50+ children from all over Jackson and Josephine county attended. While we spent Year 1 solidifying our proof of concept via an Ashland-centric population of children, we are pleased to say that in our expansion outside of Ashland is proceeding nicely, with nearly 50% of our children from the greater Rogue Valley.

In addition, the MRF successfully received support from these additional grantors, including:

D'Addario Foundation

Chaney Family Foundation

Tides Foundation/Jubilation Foundation

Support from the community has also been humbling, totaling over \$11,000 in private donations year-to-date from four larger donors. Attendance to our annual benefit concert topped 1000+ attendees and our annual awareness event celebration topped out at over nearly 800 attendees.



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Donors who funded the MRF:	Amount
Jubilation Foundation	\$5,000
The Carpenter Foundation	\$4,000
D'Addario Foundation	\$2,000
Chaney Family Foundation	\$2,000
Individual Support	\$16,000

THANK YOU!

It is our honor and our privilege in thanking you for making this year a very fulfilling, successful year! On behalf of the kids in Jackson County, and of the staff here at the Modern Roots Foundation,

Please, enjoy a testimonial and pictures of MRF kids below:

“To the many magic workers of Modern Roots Foundation ~ Our deepest and dearest gratitude for organizing such an enriching support of our children. My son T. has started fiddling this winter, from the support of you, and is doing so well – not just with playing the fiddle, but developmentally as well. His deepening of understanding of the workings of music and developing an ear has really helped build a greater self esteem, not to mention his ability to read, write, and do arithmetic. We thank you, we thank you, we thank you. I hope me might be so blessed as to possibly continue come Fall time.” J.F. T’s mother



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Repairing her fiddle!



Warming up for a JPR on-air segment



Campers perform in front of 800!



On TV, Immense Possibilities