

2010-2011

Annual Report

Rosie's House: A Music Academy for Children



## Dear Rosie's House Friends,

The end of the school year for Rosie's House is always a time for reflection – we congratulate our graduating seniors as they move on to achieve great goals, we reflect on our students' many accomplishments over the year, we thank our dedicated supporters, and, most of all, we celebrate the many lives that have been uplifted by Rosie's House.

For 15 years Rosie's House has been doing something remarkable, changing the lives of underserved students through the power of music education. For the 2010-2011 School Year, Rosie's House taught 320 students in voice, piano, strings, winds and brass. Major areas of growth included the Choir; enrollment has increased 125% in the last 3 years.

Rosie's House students come from families that qualify for federal assistance, and, in 2010-2011, 67% of families have an annual income of less than \$30,000. The majority of students (75%) reside in central and south Phoenix, and Rosie's House provides these students a positive and structured afterschool program.

This year, Rosie's House presented 29 concerts, including the monthly concerts at Banner Good Samaritan, and the annual Holiday Concert and Great Performers' Concert. Students received accolades including placement in regional and State band and orchestra competitions, two students received gold medals in the Phoenix Music Teachers Associations' Fall Competition, and horn student Jared Oliphant performed as soloist with Youth Symphony of the Southwest.



We continued our community collaborations with The Phoenix Symphony, Phoenix Chamber Music Society, and Banner Good Samaritan. And, we started exciting collaborations with the Musical Instrument Museum and the Arizona Opera. In May, students received backstage access to watch the acclaimed Kronos Quartet dress rehearsal at the Musical Instrument Museum. Students then had the opportunity to go on a guided tour of the museum. This summer Rosie's House choir students will be attending a 4-week summer camp with the Arizona Opera Education Department.

As part of our 15 Year Anniversary Celebration in March of 2011, we asked alumni students to come back to campus and talk to us about how Rosie's House helped change their lives. We had a lot of fun catching up, and enjoyed hearing about their successes. Alumni students talked about life lessons they learned from their teachers, how music enhanced their academic abilities, and how the rigor needed to study music helped develop their character.

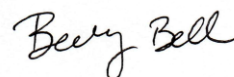
Malcolm, an alumni student, said "Rosie's House has taught me to push myself and work to my full potential not only as a musician but also as a person. One thing I remember is my instructor Ms. Krstic telling me when learning a new piece to start slow, to learn the piece with one hand and then the other before putting it together. I have learned when trying something new or solving a problem to start slow and break it down before moving forward." Malcolm is a Junior at Ithaca College in New York. He is majoring in Culture and Communication with a minor in Music and Spanish.

We invite you to visit [www.rosieshouse.org](http://www.rosieshouse.org) to view a special video that features alumni interviews and music performed by Rosie's House students. It is an honor to watch the personal growth and transformation that takes place each and every day on our campus. Within our students' stories, we hope you will see that the gift of music lasts a lifetime.

Sincerely,



Eric Kintner,  
Board President



Becky Bell,  
Artistic & Executive Director



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# NOTEWORTHY

♪ **May 2010** – Rosie’s House wins PBS Be More Creative Award from EIGHT, Arizona PBS. Presented by Wells Fargo; the “Be More” award recognizes outstanding achievement in Arts & Culture. Rosie’s House is featured on PBS special.

♪ **August 2010** – Rosie’s House alumni student Chaz Salazar begins his freshman year at Indiana University’s prestigious Jacobs School of Music studying flute on scholarship.

♪ **November 2010** – Horn student Jared Oliphant performs as soloist with the Youth Symphony of the Southwest.

♪ **January 2011** – Fifty students attend the final concert of the International Bosendorfer and Schimmel USASU Competition – tickets are underwritten by Wells Fargo.

♪ **May 2011** – 310 potential new students interview for 114 openings in classes in choir, piano, strings and winds.

♪ **May 2011** – 13 students graduate from Rosie’s House and plan on attending college. Two students receive the prestigious Obama Scholarship to Arizona State University.

## **Anniversary Celebration – March 2011**

On March 5, 2011 over 140 guests gathered at the Gebert Contemporary Gallery in Scottsdale and celebrated our 15-Year Anniversary. Honorees for the evening included 15-year faculty member Judy Conrad, community advocate and jazz singer Alice Tatum, and our founders Rosie Schurz and her husband, the late Woody Schurz. Guests enjoyed performances by Rosie’s House students Ivan Martinez, saxophone; Yinka Shonaike, soprano and were dazzled by alumni flutist Chaz Salazar. The Anniversary Celebration Committee included Karen Bea, Judy Conrad, Marcia Fine, Janet Green, Will Morey, Gail Paul and Cyndi Suttle.



Vocalist Alice Tatum



Founder Rosie Schurz

## **In Our Own Words**

This Spring Rosie’s House students participated in the first annual Poetry Competition. Students wrote about how music uplifts their lives and why their music teacher is an important mentor.

## **Real Teachers**

Real teachers don’t have to be in schools  
Or in a classroom teaching rules  
A teacher is a good example  
And whose love for what they teach is ample  
They are stern but have compassion  
Because, for their students, they have a passion  
A teacher is always willing, every day  
To help their pupil on their way.

-Alexa, piano student, age 14

## **Music Alone Shall Live**

Music is my friend when I am lonely,  
Music is the one and only thing that never ends.  
Music lives everywhere, can’t escape it, can’t replace it  
Music is my life,  
to me music is what is and always will be,  
music is your strength when you are weak,  
music is your hope when you are bleak,  
music is made to be played, to fade, to serenade  
Music is the gift everyone should give.  
Music alone shall live!

-Alexandra, guitar student, age 11



Faculty member Judy Conrad with students

# NOTEWORTHY

## ♪ NUMBERS OF NOTE

### 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

♪ 320 Number of students

#### INCOME

♪ 67% Of families have an annual household income below \$30,000

#### DEMOGRAPHICS

♪ 64% Of our student body is Hispanic

♪ 17% Of our student body is African-American

♪ 19% Of our student body is Caucasian, Asian or blended

♪ 75% Of students are from Phoenix

♪ 9% Of students are from Laveen

♪ 12% Of students are from Tempe, Mesa or Scottsdale

#### ORGANIZATION

♪ 2 Full-time staff members

♪ 17 Music faculty members

♪ \$ 325,000 Annual Budget



Students perform at Banner Good Samaritan Hospital



SRP Volunteers on campus for Instrument Inventory Project



Students at the Musical Instrument Museum after the Kronos Quartet Dress Rehearsal

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