

Dear Friends,

I am writing to share what Rosie's House is doing in response to COVID-19. The families we serve are facing economic challenges many of us cannot imagine. Their stressors may be different from ours, and perhaps more acute. In solidarity, we are doing everything we can to help.

Our Current Situation

Since opening in 1996, Rosie's House has persevered through many crises, and each time we have emerged stronger. But the pandemic is having a more sudden impact on our students and operations than we have ever experienced.

Imagine being a young person from a low-income family right now. Every learning opportunity you had only weeks ago has abruptly changed. Will Rosie's House be back? There are many reasons why our students from underserved communities are especially fearful about the future.

To support our students, we immediately transitioned to offering all our classes in virtual classrooms. No small feat. Why did we respond this way? Rosie's House students have a strong connection with their teachers and refer to our campus as their *home away from home*. Classes provided regularly and remotely keep us all connected and supportive of our students' health and wellbeing. **We are providing a sense of normalcy and purpose during this time of great uncertainty.**

In addition, the goals of our program, including fostering 1st generation college graduates and the development of life skills such as confidence, creative problem-solving and teamwork, must continue. These achievements will only be more relevant after this crisis has ended.

How we are supporting Rosie's House students and families during the crisis:

- Teaching over 95 hours of online music classes every week
- Maintaining positive relationships between teachers, students and class peers
- Providing resources for families who need help with food scarcity and internet access
- Talking with families one-on-one to find out how Rosie's House can be supportive

Turn over for more 

Rosie's House Financial Preparation

Thanks to the generosity of our community and the foresight of our Board, Rosie's House is well prepared for the financial uncertainty the crisis has unleashed. Over the past 8 years, we have set aside cash reserves. We will continue to need your support, however at this time our non-profit is positioned to maintain our operations and mission.

As Arizona's largest provider of 100% free afterschool music education, we have been proud to partner with you. **Thank you for championing our students.** Together, we will make our community stronger and more equitable.

Be safe until we meet again,



Becky Bell Ballard
Chief Executive Officer



We look forward to being with our bright students again.

P.S. It breaks my heart to see such disparity and despair worldwide, but I do believe we will come out on the other side of this emergency more conscious, compassionate and resilient as a community.