

Rosie's House Welcomes New Leadership Staff and Faculty October 26, 2017

Rosie's House is proud to announce the appointment of four new full-time staff members and five new faculty members. Included in these hirings are the creation of the Advancement & Marketing Director position and an additional Wind Ensemble. Both will allow Rosie's House to serve more Arizona youth.

Alyson Hartsock joins the organization as the Advancement & Marketing Director and will lead advancement and marketing efforts, including donor cultivation, special events, public awareness and social media. With nearly a decade of work with nonprofit organizations, Alyson brings with her a successful track record of executing fundraising initiatives that reach and grow revenue targets, as well as a passion for building relationships and connecting people with meaningful ways to give back to their community. With a background in music, she is excited to work with staff, faculty and the community to make sure that all students in Arizona have access to a music education.

Aldie Lopez joins the teaching staff as the Wind Ensemble Instructor. Currently, Aldie is the band instructor at Ed & Verma Pastor Elementary School in the Roosevelt School District where he has over 180 students in grades five through eight. He is a graduate of the Las Vegas Academy of Performing and Visual Arts (2000), received his bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Nevada, Reno (2005), and earned his master's degree in Educational Administration from Grand Canyon University (2016). Aldie is a member of the Arizona Band and Orchestra Director's Association, Arizona Music Educator's Association and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Music Fraternity. With the addition of Aldie to the faculty, Rosie's House was able to add a second Wind Ensemble, allowing twice as many students to participate in the Aim Winds Program.

In addition to Aldie, four other faculty members were added to the team. Caitlin Corbett, viola; Megyn Neff, violin; Carlito Stewart, cello; and Earl Thornton, classical guitar join the 22-member faculty who provide comprehensive, rigorous music-instruction to over 450 students.

Three additional full-time staff join the Rosie's House team as well. Mario Garcia, the Advancement & Finance Manager, comes from a background of high-end retail and plays clarinet in the Desert Overture Wind Symphony. He will help Rosie's House manage finances, act as a Human Resource administrator and assist with fundraising initiatives. Courtney Krygier and Melina Encinas come to Rosie's House as Program Coordinators. Courtney and Melina bring a wide-range of experience that includes international education and social justice. They will be working directly with families to ensure that students have the necessary resources to ensure academic and life successes.

Read the full staff and faculty bios to learn more about the team.