



Annual Report

HOPE STONE, INC.

2018-2019

Hope Stone has been in the business of creativity for over 20 years.

We've reached tens of thousands of students through our arts education outreach program The Hope Project. Our professional modern dance company, Hope Stone Dance, has consistently presented quality work from Houston's largest theaters to literally dancing in the streets. We've captured and analyzed data for two decades, yet what moves us to do this work is the intangible impact on people's lives. The stories from our students, the impressions from our audience members after a performance – there is simply no number that measures how deeply art can touch us or change our lives.



A veteran from our drumming circle classes shared...

"When I started the Hope Stone free drumming class offered to Veterans in the fall of 2015, it was a very bleak time in my life. But having this art really turned my life around. It brought a lot of hope when hope just wasn't there. It was having something to get my heart beating again. The class really freed my soul, and led me to get my job and really move back into owning my life."

An audience member shared after a Hope Stone Dance performance...

"It was hard to hold back tears or prevent the corners of my mouth lifting in pure joy."

Where does creativity fit in our lives? Is it important to us? Is it only for those who can afford it? What if creativity was taught to ALL of us as a life skill to help us solve the everyday challenges in our professions, our families, our communities and businesses, and the world at large?

A teenager in our multigenerational theater class with elderly residents shared...

"Art makes me feel a part of something."

We take creativity seriously at Hope Stone. While we know the value, we hope the words of others throughout this annual report will move you, too.

Jane Weiner
Founder & President

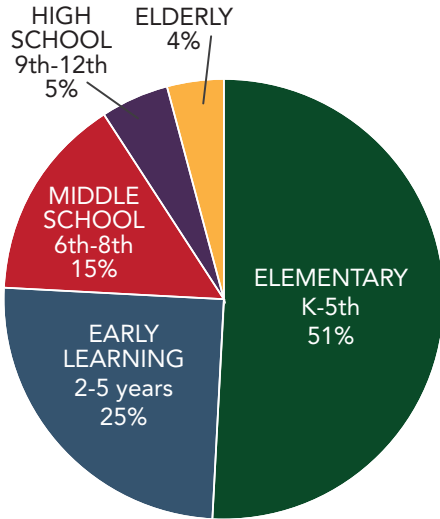
Amy Pearl
Executive Director



"I love how we are able to create without judgment."

—High School Student

THE HOPE PROJECT



1,100 students
9 community partners
1,360 classes

"In our first year of working with Hope Stone, we learned quickly that Hope Stone and its teachers have what it takes to provide our students with a creative outlet to do and be more. We are proud to be Hope Stone partners."

—Principal, Marshall Middle School

"It feels like I'm in a symphony."

—Elementary School Student



“Every time I leave class I have a smile on my face and that makes me happy.”

—Elementary School Student



“This year I learned how to communicate and LISTEN to others.”

—High School Student



“My favorite thing about class with the elderly is how fun and energetic it is. The seniors always have amusing stories, and despite the age differences we can always relate to each other.”

—Middle School Student

"So moving and powerful! Loved every second!"

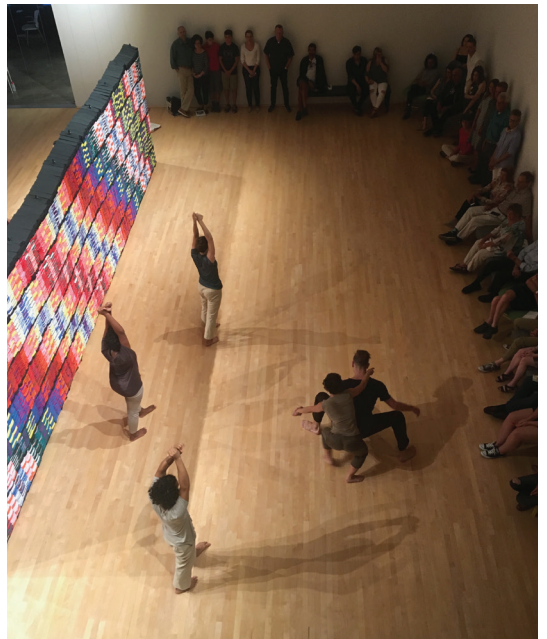
—audience member

HOPE STONE DANCE



"Hope Stone's dancers are highly engaging, handsomely diverse, strong technicians and good actors . . . it's good to see a Houston company tackling thoughtful material, in such good form."

—Houston Chronicle





"Thank you for the wonderful, inclusive, inspiring performance today. I can't tell you how much it means to our family that our son can be free to express his excitement and enjoyment in his own special way. Our kids get so many "no's" in life. Thank you for saying "yes" to us today—yes to bouncing in your seat, yes to jumping up and down with excitement at what we're seeing, and yes to joyful noises coming from the audience. We love you for it!"

—audience member at sensory friendly performance



"Hope Stone's remount at MATCH was a STUNNA! It was unique and energetic and so interesting."

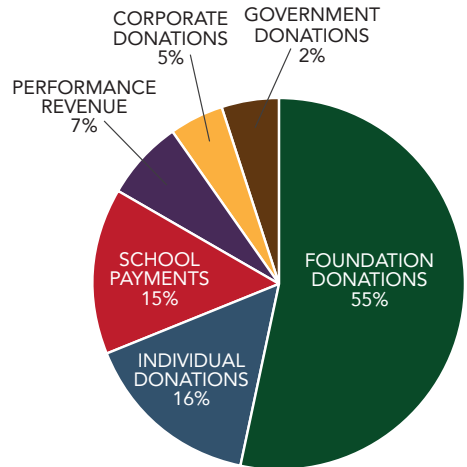
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

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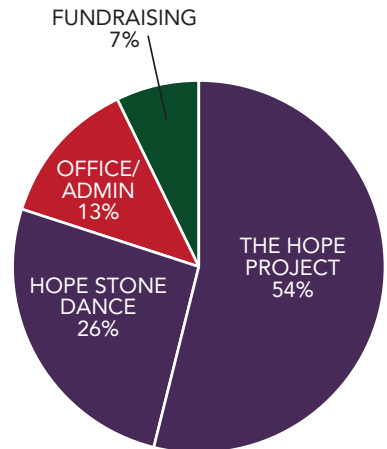
REVENUES

While the largest portion of our funding comes from foundations, we continually strive to create a more balanced revenue profile. Individual donations increased by 3% from a Board-driven fundraising campaign. Corporate giving also increased by 2%. We are grateful for over twenty years of community support for together we make the most impact.



EXPENSES

The majority of the total expenses (80% or \$264,118) are allocated towards the services we provide through our two programs – The Hope Project and Hope Stone Dance. We continue to be good stewards of donors' generosity by deeply focusing our resources on the children and adults we serve.



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Unlocking the innate creativity of young people
and adults through the arts since 1997.