



Mission: Inspiring underserved youth through world-class music instruction and supporting their development as self-aware leaders.

2020 Year End Review

Despite the global health crisis and social unrest that has disrupted our world, **Key to Change is celebrating its most impactful year yet!** We've successfully pivoted our lessons to an online platform making our programs even more accessible for our students.

Parents and guardians no longer have to juggle transportation challenges to get students to their lessons. As a result, students are making faster musical progress, closer peer-to-peer relationships and becoming more independent, responsible self-aware leaders.



"Virtual lessons have been great for me because it's easier to come to class and I'm less likely to be late and suffer time issues. There are also more opportunities to hear from violinists from around the world that wouldn't have been possible to experience in person!"

Eden P., 8th grade

We're Achieving Excellence

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Students performed a "pre-concert" recital as the opening act for the Seattle Symphony

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Students participated and received superior ratings (first place) at the Virtual Solo and Ensemble Contest at Jackson State University

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Students were awarded the inaugural Daniel Ching Scholarship for Artistic Excellence



Hired HeARTwork Collective to assist with creating anti-racist practices within the board, staff and string studio curriculum



"I started violin in middle school, which was only three years ago. Since then, I have played for some of the most excellent violinists in the world, and I have played on a radio station, played in a symphony, and opened for the Seattle symphony. This is more than I could have ever hoped for."

Alia U., 9th grade

We're Giving

\$55,000+

Awarded in student scholarships

12

Students are using violins and violas from our instrument library.

\$17,000

Violin donated by Van Zandt Violins for a Latina student to use during her time at Key to Change

100+

Students from Highline School District are receiving free lessons

"Since working with Key to Change, our students have flourished. They now have something to work toward since orchestra classes aren't able to meet in school since the pandemic. It's been awesome to watch my students get excited about violin again."

Stephanie K.,
Band and Orchestra Director at Glacier Middle School



"The string studio provides support and comfort for every student and makes sure that they have everything they need for the best learning experience possible. Everyone shares their ideas and builds off of each other. The studio is diverse and a non-profit, so low-income families are able to afford lessons."

Analisa R., 11th grade

We're Growing

150

Students enrolled

95%

Student retention since January 2020

\$100,000

Increase in our budget, including our first two employee hires



"Key to Change provides opportunities like masterclasses and performances that are not provided by any other organization in the region. People at Key to Change really care about teaching, learning, and bettering themselves and others."

Richie D., 12th grade



We've created a Composer in Residence partnership with Classical King FM, which will feature Caleb Vaughn-Jones, who will write original pieces for the string studio.

Thank you for supporting Key to Change in such a transformational year. You have helped our diverse group of students excel not only as violinists but also as people. We anticipate another year of beautiful music in South King County.

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