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.

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

“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 performed on radio stations, 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 Growing

150 Students enrolled since January 2020

$100,000 Increase in budget, including our first two employee hires

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Richie D., 12th grade

We’re Achieving Excellence

3 Students performed a “pre-concert” recital as the opening act for the Seattle Symphony

11 Students participated and received superior ratings. First place at the Virtual Solo and Ensemble Contest at Jackson State University

11 Students were awarded the inaugural Denzel Cheng Scholarship for artistic excellence.

Wealth Tanks Collection is oven with a learning and social support network for students and violin studio curriculum

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