



Success Report for the 2023/24

Dear Friends, Partners, and Donors,

As we start the new school year, we are energized and driven by our enduring passion to continue our "Music of Hope" program. We aim to retain our current participants and welcome new children and youth eager to develop their talents and rise above poverty through their musical skills and dedication.

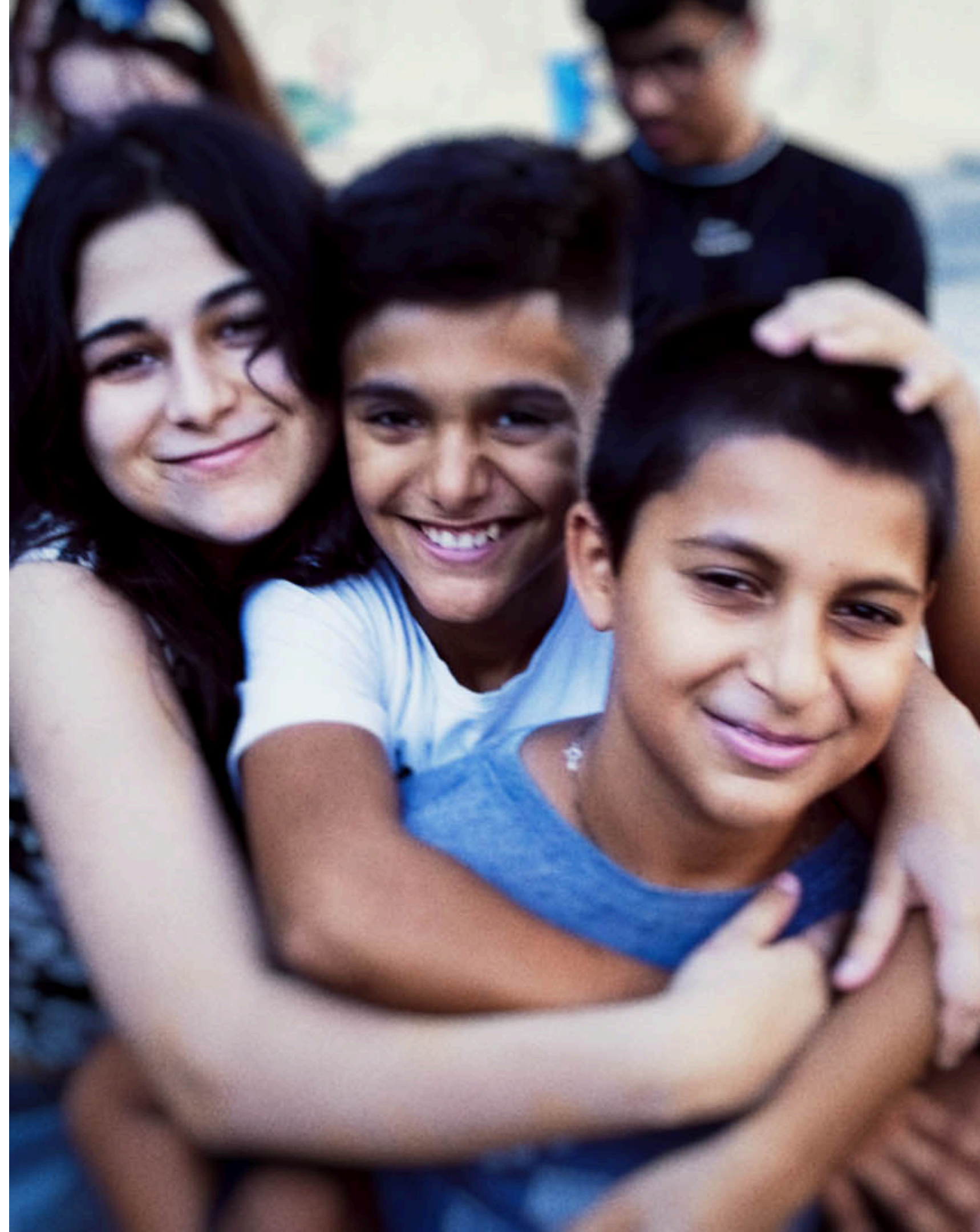
We are thrilled to share that the "Music of Hope" program has celebrated impressive successes throughout the 2023/24 school year—achievements that we can all take pride in.

Every note we've created together, every moment of inspiration we've shared, and every smile we've witnessed are a testament to your generous support and our collective efforts.

In the following pages, we highlight the most significant achievements and activities from the past school year. We are proud and grateful for everything we have accomplished together so far and look forward to continuing our collaboration. None of this would have been possible without you.

With respect and gratitude,

The Students, Managing, and Teaching Team of the Music of Hope

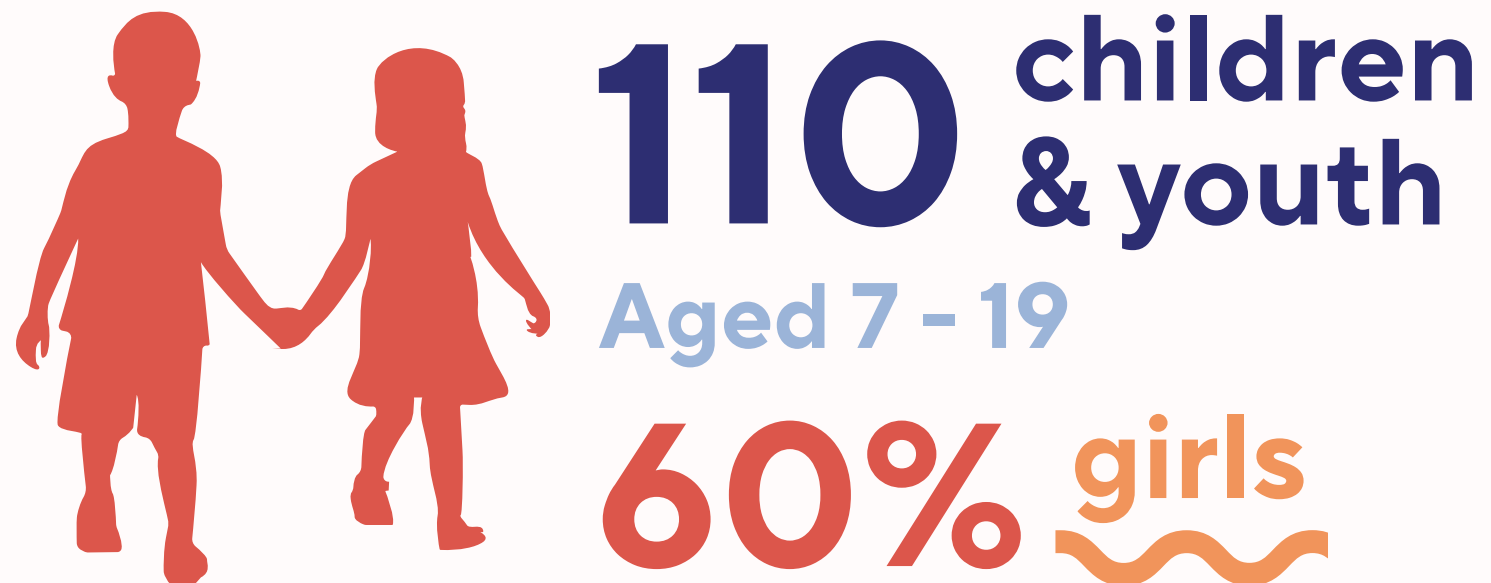


Our Successes in Numbers

For the past 5 years, the “Music of Hope” center, operating at the “Branko Pešić” School in Zemun, has been bringing together children and young people who are emotionally and psychologically affected by severe poverty. The center provides them with the opportunity to develop essential life skills and a responsible attitude toward society in a safe and supportive environment, all through music.

Thanks to community support, the program provides all students with instruments, music lessons with professional musicians, workshops and camps with guest artists, numerous performance opportunities, daily nutritional snacks, and psychosocial support, all at no cost to the participants’ families.

Results for the 2023/24 School Year:



22 performances and guest appearances



20+ hours of music per week

100% free of charge!



Performances for the Season 2023/24

Our results are best tested on stage. Through performing music, children demonstrate how much they have learned and applied, how they open up, feel confident and empowered, listen to themselves and make independent adjustments, collaborate, and find joy in sharing a collective achievement. Each concert is a celebration of a small victory over oneself, another farewell to fear, insecurity, "I can't," and "I won't succeed."

"At first, it was very difficult for me. I was embarrassed. I didn't dare to sing, only whispered. Now, there is no more fear. I open the show at the National Theatre by myself, and that's my favorite part.

Our biggest performance so far was at the EXIT Festival this summer. I had never seen so many people in one place. Just imagine, they came to hear us!"

- Melisa Čerimi



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped us shine this year with **22 public performances** and supported us with your applause. **Here's where you listened to and supported us:**

October 9, 2023 – National Giving Day organized by the Serbian Philanthropic Forum

November 26, 2023 – Belgrade Half Marathon, UNHCR stage

December 31, 2023 – New Year's Eve show "Veče sa Ivanom Ivanovićem" (Alongside the "small screens")

January 6, 2024 – Ava Shopping Park, organized by Novaston

February 15, 2024 – Knez Mihailova, International Childhood Cancer Day, organized by NURDOR

April 13, 2024 – Madlenianum, conference "Healthy Relationships as the Foundation of a Happy Life" by Tomislav Kuljiš with support from the EXIT Foundation

April 28, 2024 – Belgrade Marathon, UNHCR stage

May 16, 2024 – Ava Shopping Park, organized by Novaston

June 2, 2024 – Belgrade Children's Festival at Ušće

June 6, 2024 – KC Student City with friends "International Belgrade Singers" who held a fundraising concert in our honor. Thank you!

June 25, 2024 – Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Council of Europe

July 10, 2024 – Opening of the EXIT Festival – "Tesla Universe" Main Stage

You also saw us on the grand stage of the National Theatre in 6 regular performances of the play "Children," as well as during our guest appearances in Sarajevo, Subotica, and Užice.

Our Programs and Music Curriculum



Music through movement

Basic program for all children, grades 1 – 4 as part of their regular education



Percussion

30 children, members of young and senior percussion anseble

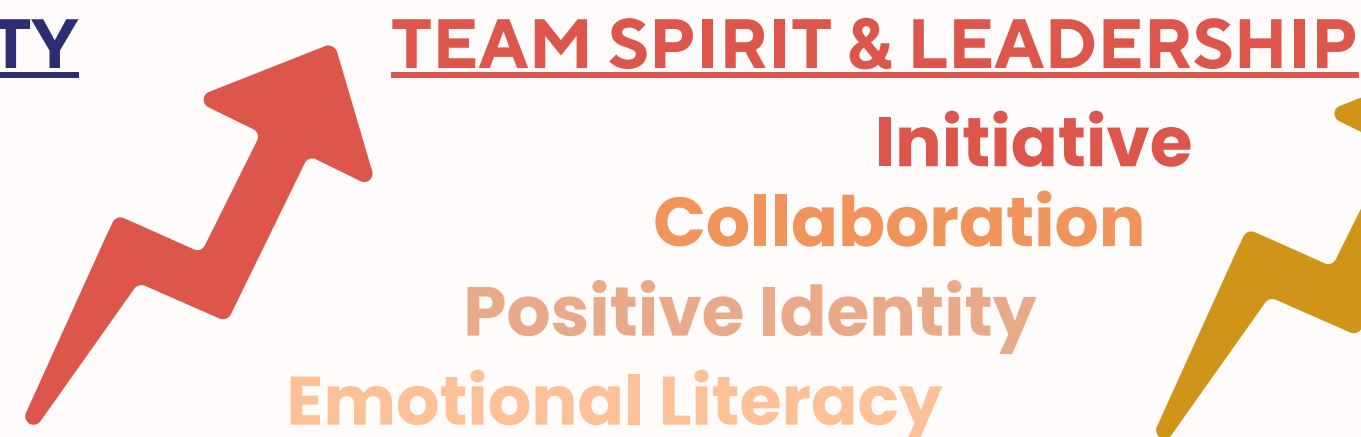


Choir

40+ children & youth, aged 7 – 19

The “Music of Hope” Program has already helped over 200 children from the most disadvantaged families in Zemun regain their smiles, dignity, self-belief, and confidence in their own abilities. Through music, they have found hope that their voices will be heard and reach even more hearts within our community.

Our music curriculum, developed in collaboration with both local and international experts, incorporates socio-emotional learning to foster the development of crucial life skills necessary for future success. **Our specially designed musical activities enhance:**



Professional Development of Teachers and Innovations

Teachers are the pillars of every educational system. They are our **everyday heroes** who make children feel seen, accepted, and supported, nurturing their curiosity through the acquisition of new knowledge and skills. Therefore, a teacher must first demonstrate a love for lifelong learning themselves. **We take pride in investing in the professional development of our teachers**—accomplished musicians who are brimming with curiosity and creativity. Through knowledge exchange with colleagues from the region, Europe, and beyond, we continuously innovate our curriculum and refresh our daily work with children using new knowledge and methods.

Through a project supported by the British Embassy, our teachers have been sharing their methods and best practices this season through collaboration with educators from Superar BIH in Sarajevo. **Thanks to our partnership with the U.S. Embassy**, through mentoring collaboration and visits from experts Francis Galjardi (Sistema “Nucleo”) and Prof. Manuel Pérez Delgado (Royal Conservatory of Madrid), **we have been working on further curriculum innovation.** This curriculum has been tested in Zemun and Bujanovac with 120 students. As a result of this inspiring collaboration, **we look forward to presenting our first manual at a conference in December 2024** and actively involving 180 teachers in the further dissemination of the results.

We would like to thank:



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Your Support

We would like to extend a special **thank you to all our partners and supporters**—companies, foundations, organizations, and individuals—who, through donations of money, goods, or services, as well as by engaging our choir and percussion ensemble at their events, have ensured that the Music of Hope program successfully concluded the 2023/24 school year, also meriting the award of the Serbian Philanthropic Forum.

Philanthropy in Numbers

We are proud of our growing community!

Together, we have raised **1,740,000 RSD** through donations, including:

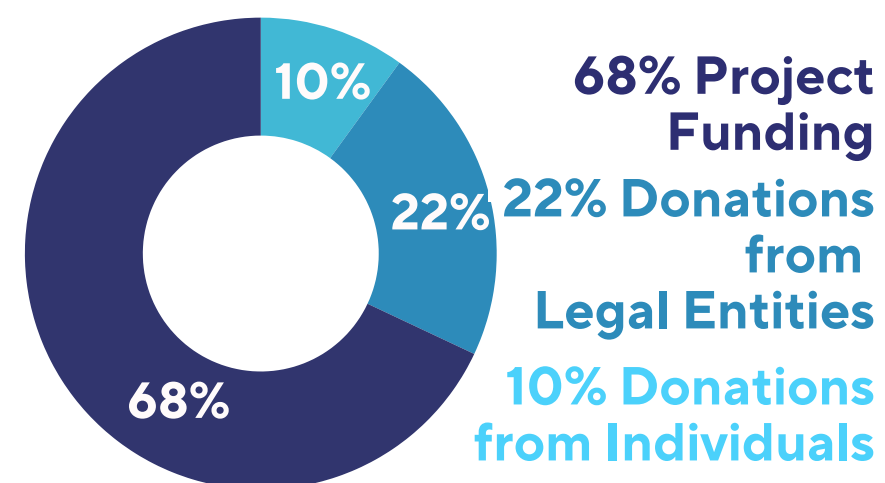
530.000 RSD donated by **126** individuals

1.220.000 RSD donated by **8** legal entities

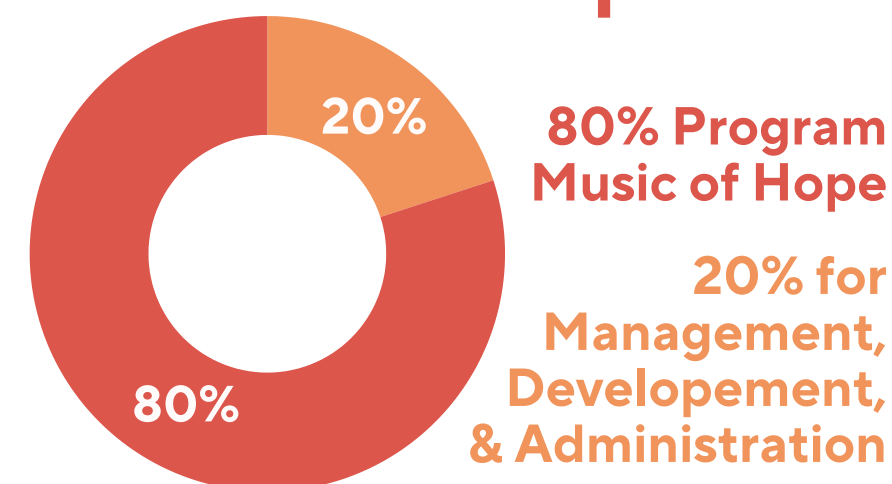
100% of all individual donations are invested directly into the program.

Financial Overview for 2023/24

Revenue



Expenses



Support from generous people is crucial for the survival and advancement of the “Music of Hope”!

We thank **AIK Bank** for enabling **donations directly through our website www.muzikanade.rs**. You can now choose to **become a monthly donor** and be part of our ongoing support to ensure that children do not lose hope and support in the 2024/25.

Choose your amount, because even the smallest contribution becomes significant when multiplied by 12, and watch us grow together with your sense of pride!

I would like to become

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„Every child deserves the right to a smile, to joy, to happiness, to a beautiful life. The 'Music of Hope' program provides them with that chance. If my support and presence can contribute to this, it is only natural for me to be here.”

Nela Mihailović, actress





We are grateful to all who have contributed an extra note, a whole chord, or a melody to the Music of Hope that we are creating together. It is the anthem that empowers and encourages our children to raise their voices, and we are here together to enjoy the music they create.

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