

MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: *Music Lod*

Year: *2019\2020*

Please present your activity report according to the following lines. The whole rapport will not exceed 2 or 3 pages (as word document).

Name of the Program: Music Lod

Year of activity: 2019\2020

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Number of active participants in the program: 25

Estimated number of impacted participants: 50

Give the actually state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):

The year of 2019\2020 was special year due to the Covid19 virus. At the beginning of 2019 the students learned twice a week in school, Monday was the one-on-one lessons with the teachers and Thursday was the group lesson and ensemble. At the first quarantine we didn't know how to act, everyone was a bit hysterical, the school was closed so we didn't have any lessons. Only after few months we started to learn by Zoom. We tried to make the Zoom as close to the way the students learned in school, each teacher had his own time with each student, scheduled day and time. That was a bit hard because learning music thru Zoom it is not the same and the students was a bit tired from learning thru Zoom (in their school also). In time everyone got used to it. We had a few droppers (4) that could not handle the Zoom platform. These days we are back practicing at the school. We made audition to bring new students and we manage to raise 4 new students. The children are so happy to return to meet their teachers. We are hoping that now, we are back to some normality and routine, and we will bring more children.

The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):

Our biggest achievement is that we manage to maintain most of the children, the teachers were so committed and did their best to be there for each child. We manage to perform in Memorial Day after a few months that the band did not get together, and it was a huge success. We are the only music group that survive the Covid 19 period,

and we are giving credit for that to Matanel funds and off course the commitment of the students and teachers.

Matanel donation enable us to give more scholarship to underprivilege children, we had 5students that received almost full scholarship. We could finance more lessons and rehearsals to compensate for the lost time during the quarantine.

The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...):

The 2019\2020 was so hard, it was such an emotional year with so many ups and down and we needed to navigate thru this challenging period. Making a break in learning due to the quarantine and then learn by Zoom was a bit rollercoaster for the students who needed to be flexible and cooperative, so as the teachers. Our main conclusion from the last year is that we a have strong project and we manage to build strong base of teachers and students. We learn to adapt the new and hard reality and work within the new frame. We do not take anything for granted after this year. We know how to keep our teachers and student happy and obligate. We did not give up on no child, we demanded and maintain the professional aspect but in a way the children appreciate it.

Provisional guidelines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

We are making the best from the rest of the year and made auditions to bring new students. We will prepare the next year during the summer vacation to bring the best musician and we will maintain our biggest strength, our teachers!

Please join the Evaluation Report, the Financial Report and the list of the participants to the program (**as PDF documents**)

Please join photos – as **JPG files** – and any link or any other document connected to the program which will seems to you relevant – as **PDF document**.

Please join a 5 minutes movie which presents your institution and the particular project supported by the Matanel Foundation. The movie should be accessible to the philanthropic world and to other potential donors.- **Attached as a YouTube channel**