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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Since 2010, you have supported Desert Sounds. It was very sad to hear that you are now closing, but your impact still continues. Why? Because you have made a difference in the children we serve. Because of you, a teacher did not have to say, "I'm sorry you cannot be in my class because there is no instrument for you." A single mom did not tell her child they could not pursue their musical dreams. A child learns that her dreams are important and that she is loved. Thank you for positively influencing so many lives. Your value of disadvantaged children participating in the arts, learning to play an instrument, and having access to lessons and performance opportunities made a difference in the valley. Thank You

I'm happy to report the successful year that the Desert Sounds Performing Arts' Jeremy Project has completed. The Arizona Women's Partnership grant of \$1,500 and other fundraising resources allowed us to serve children who want to learn. This school year, we placed two hundred fifty-six (256) instruments in the hands of at-risk students representing five (5) school districts and fifty-one (51) schools. Your generous funding covered the repair of thirty (30) instruments.

Our unduplicated demographics for all our programs are as follows:

Ethnicity	Number	Percentage	Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
White	27	10	Asian/Pacific Islander	2	1
Black	15	6	Alaskan/Native American	8	3
Hispanic	201	79	Other	3	1

If you need any additional information, don't hesitate to contact me by e-mail at [jcrews@desertsounds.org](mailto:jcrews@desertsounds.org), phone at 480-304-4762, or mail at 20 West First Street #108 Mesa AZ 85201.

Sincerely,

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