BRINGING MUSIC TO LIFE

THE INSTRUMENT DRIVE PEOPLE

2026 IMPACT REPORT

WHAT?

We collect, clean, and repair gently used musical instruments and award them to Title I and under-resourced school and community music programs across Colorado.

WHY?

Access to a playable instrument is often the greatest barrier a young musician faces and a critical need for participation in a school's music ensemble.

Investing in kids, one instrument at a time



INSTRUMENT DONATIONS

1,200 instruments collected in 2026 from 18 drop-off partners



REPAIRS

$160,000 in instrument repairs completed by 5 repair partners



TEACHER APPLICATIONS

98 applications (88% increase) and 1,670 instruments requested (160% increase)



INSTRUMENTS AWARDED

850 instruments awarded (32% increase) to 93 schools across 38 districts

17 years of turning instruments into opportunity



INSTRUMENTS

10,500+ instruments awarded to K–12 music programs in Colorado



STUDENTS

30,000+ young musicians engaged & inspired



SCHOOLS

400 Title I & under-resourced school and community music programs supported



FINANCIAL IMPACT

$12,000,000 saved by schools & families in repair, rental, and purchase costs

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Providing every child with access to the life-changing experience of making music



"These instruments have given many students access to music they otherwise wouldn't have. The best part about the Bringing Music to Life is that all the instruments are in amazing condition!. Every instrument we have received is now being enjoyed by a student. Thank you so very much!" ~ Gregory Gates, Arvada High School



Amplifying our mission



SOCIAL MEDIA

Views increased 422% and content interactions increased 342%



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Including the Colorado Symphony, Boulder Philharmonic, Denver Philharmonic Orchestra, Guardian Storage, & Cowboy Moving



MEDIA PARTNERS

Including Colorado Public Radio, 9News, KUVO, & others



VOLUNTEERS

35 volunteers supported our mission throughout the year

Helping an old instrument tell a new story