



Testimonials

“Being at YouthWorx on Main has been one of the best decisions our organization has made in the last three years! Having a professional space to call home, meet with and recruit Board members as well as, hold those Board meetings is just the operational side of the benefits of belonging. Within the collaborative space we’re able to work with, learn from and teach other nonprofits in the building. Sharing each other’s collective knowledge. We’re also able to work on grants as a team and meet funders in a space we have made our own. Our revenue for youth programming has increased over 50%.”

Kevin Hicks
Founder, Triangle Bikeworks
Youthworx on Main tenant

“I wanted to thank you, and everyone involved in the Youthworxs project. I came on board with one of the Youthworx tenants, Reintegration Support Network, in January as a first-time Executive Director. I know that my organization could not have accomplished all that it has in 6 short months without the support I encountered in this unique environment. The physical space, technical support, trainings, and especially the collaboration made possible by sharing space with other youth-oriented nonprofits, has proved invaluable to my professional as well as my organizations continued growth.”

Jamie Jacobs
Executive Director, Reintegration Support Network (RSN)
Youthworx on Main tenant

“It isn’t a secret that the Arts are oftentimes hard to fund and performances are expensive. At McDougle Drama, we have been building a program that began with very few students and now has full capacity classes, waiting lists, and cast three productions a year! The PTA and PTA Thrift Shop granted us funds last year to get our first ever sound system, complete with sound board, hanging microphones, ear worn microphones, speakers, and all of the “fixings!” It has made all of the difference here, and we have even expanded in just a year to start updating our lights, too! PTA is a blessing and truly makes a difference in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School district! Forever grateful”

**McDougle Middle School
2015 Project Impact Grantee**

“Thanks to the PTA Thrift Shop, the musical arts are flourishing at Guy B. Phillips Middle School. Research shows that music training can help close the achievement gap by boosting IQ, focus and persistence. Music participation is also associated with reduced discipline referrals and increased attendance, grades, on-time graduation, and test scores. Approximately half of the students at Phillips participate in either the band or orchestra program, which has led to a great strain on our limited resources. Despite the importance, success and growth of the musical art programs, they have not received a budget increase in the past 25 years. The PTA Thrift Shop Impact Grant has ensured that no student is excluded from these transformative music programs based on their ability to purchase an instrument. With the grant, we were able to purchase 4 clarinets, 4 flutes, 1 violin and 1 viola as well as repair many of our out of service instruments. In addition, we also bought new strings, reeds, shoulder rests, books and other expensive accessories necessary for a musician. Not only has the grant allowed Phillips to attract more underserved students in the music program, but it has also increased our retention rates. Students need instruments of decent quality that are in good repair in order for their hard work to translate into a beautiful, rewarding sound.

**Phillips Middle School
2015 Project Impact Grantee**

“I just purchased 4 clarinets for our kids who can't afford them. I wish you could have seen the face of one young lady when she opened that case and saw it was still wrapped in the plastic. It almost made me cry. I can't tell you how much I appreciate everything you did to make this happen for our students.”

**Jane Cutchin
Band Director, Phillips Middle School
2015 Project Impact Grantee**

“I have been tracking the academic performance of 6th graders in the orchestra program this year and the news is great! Students who have entered 6th grade with reading levels below grade level in the orchestra program have all seen significant and larger than expected increases in performance based assessments in reading throughout the year in comparison to their peers who are not in the program. Music participation is helping these kids see themselves as a different type of learner and we have the PTSA Thrift Shop to thank.”

**Ann Daaleman
Orchestra Director, Phillips Middle School
2015 Project Impact Grantee**

“Frank Porter Graham Bilingue (FPGB) is grateful for the support from the PTA Thrift Shop Project Impact grant, which will enable us to expand the reach of our Computers for All program during the 2016-2017 school year. The program provides FPGB families with computers and Internet access and aims to ensure all students at our school have the skills to thrive in today’s digital world. We thank the PTA Thrift Shop for supporting an initiative that directly benefits our students and their families and is crucial to leveling the playing field among disparate socioeconomic groups.”

**Frank Porter Graham Bilingue Elementary School
2016 Project Impact Grantee**

“The support that our school gets from the PTA Thrift Shop is nothing short of outstanding, and nothing less than invaluable. Over the years we have used the funding to enhance all areas of our student experience, and in recent times we have specifically used it to boost the technology that our students use every day. The PTA Thrift Shop is a hometown jewel – it’s an integral part of our community’s support for education, and an organization for which we are extremely grateful.”

**Glenwood Elementary School
2016 Project Impact Grantee**