



Tuning into challenges

Many children in Ottawa face inequality, including limited access to programs that keep them engaged and safe while boosting development. In the 5* Ottawa neighbourhoods we serve:

49% of children aged 0-14 live in low-income households.

52% of youth graduate from high school, as compared to over 80% for the rest of the city.

41% of children scored low on at least 1 of 5 scales of the Early Development Instrument questionnaire, including emotional, cognitive, and social development.**

Composing solutions, together!

Together in 2022-23, we provided opportunities for OrKidstra students to reach their full potential and build life skills through the transformative power of music. Your generosity has a lasting impact – see for yourself!

We reached over

650

kids from 5* under-served neighbourhoods through our in-school and after-school programming.

Over

103

hours of after-school programming offered every week at our Vanier and Centre Hubs.



"When we played in our big concert in December, it felt like a dream that I was finally playing in a big orchestra."

2022-23 OrKidstra Student

Sources: United Way East Ontario, Parent Resource Centre, Statistics Canada 2016 Census, OrKidstra Parent/Student Survey (22-23 after-school programs)

*Centretown, Vanier, Overbrook, Heron Gate, and Lowertown

**The Early Development Instrument (EDI) measures children's ability to meet age-appropriate developmental expectations at school entry.

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"Without our donors, I wouldn't have been able to spend my life growing up here and enjoying music. Thank you for making my life better."
- Dora, 12 years at OrKidstra, 2022-23 OrKidstra Graduate



Love. Courage. Excellence. Belonging.

OrKidstra's 2022-23 season was one of re-building, re-connecting and growth thanks to your support.

OrKidstra welcomed

100

new beginner students to our after-school programs in 2022-23.

OrKidstra performed at

10

community events, including the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards.

"I'm very proud of the OrKidstra community, helping each other more and more for all of us to reach our goals."

2022-23 OrKidstra Student



100%

of OrKidstra graduates completed high school and pursued post-secondary education.



98%

of students said they are more aware of how important it is to be kind to others.



98%

of students say they find it more enjoyable to be challenged.



93%

of OrKidstra parents say their child is doing better in school.



"When I play with the entire OrKidstra group, the music lifts me up." - 2022-23 OrKidstra Student

