There are few legacy arts organizations that have expanded as we have – literally and figuratively ‘bridging together’ Cleveland’s east and west sides. As we have done since our founding, we will continue to serve as the nexus connecting all constituents within and across our communities.

-Geralyn (Geri) Presti
President & CEO
Our Mission

To welcome all to our music and arts community to learn, create, inspire and heal.

Our Vision

To unlock the potential in everyone.

Fundamentally, our founding mission remains the same; however, our mission and vision statements have been rewritten to more clearly and concisely summarize the aims and values of The Music Settlement.
In one of the most transformative times in history, our Strategic Plan's title - Settlement Renaissance - represents a rebirth of The Music Settlement, as we seek to continually innovate our services to meet the evolving needs of our communities.
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Priority Themes

Longevity

Human Capital & Community Engagement

Infrastructure

Brand Confidence

Innovation & Education
The Music Settlement has been a community anchor for more than a century. In an ever-changing landscape, it is critical that we remain relevant in order to positively impact lives.

Settlement Renaissance outlines the priority themes and goals necessary to ensure TMS's future into its second century.
Theme: Longevity

Goal 1: Grow financial sustainability

- Grow earned revenue
- Increase philanthropic support
- Improve overall financial health
Theme: Human Capital & Community Engagement

Goal 2: Attract, develop and retain high-quality talent

- Nurture and grow personnel
- Strengthen/expand the Board
- Launch robust volunteer program
- Launch a diversity program
Theme: Infrastructure

Goal 3: Invest in infrastructure

» Ensure premier facilities and equipment

» Obtain and improve technology to create more efficient and effective business practices
Theme: Brand Confidence

Goal 4: Build confidence and interest in the TMS brand

» Strengthen brand recognition among all stakeholders

» Highlight the unique identities of our Centers and Bop Stop
Theme: Innovation & Education

Goal 5: Be the leader of music and creative arts innovation and education

- Ensure high-quality and relevancy of programs
- Research, design and pilot innovative programs
This plan is our roadmap to guide us through 2022. We are truly grateful to all those who contributed to the creation of our Strategic Plan - from those who participated in the surveys that provided the critical feedback necessary for the planning process, to those who served on the task force that forged the details of the final plan, and of course, to all those who will be a part of the implementation. Every stakeholder plays a vital role, so we thank you and we promise to continue to work hard each and every day to attain these goals.

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