



The Music Settlement

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The Music Settlement Receives Record \$1.5M Gift from Anonymous Donor

Funds will support \$8.5M capital campaign that includes second campus in Ohio City

Cleveland, Ohio (July 2, 2020) - The Music Settlement (TMS), a 108-year-old community music school providing music instruction, early childhood education and music therapy services in University Circle and Ohio City, is pleased to announce a \$1.5 million gift from an anonymous donor. The gift was made to support TMS's capital campaign: *Bridging Our Past to Our Future*, in particular its campus expansion into Cleveland's west side Ohio City neighborhood in 2018. This transformational donation fortifies TMS's ability to expand its mission to welcome all to its music and arts community to learn, create, inspire and heal.

"We are deeply grateful for and humbled by this meaningful and magnanimous gift," says Geri M. Presti, The Music Settlement's President and CEO. Presti stated, "This generous gift puts us substantially closer to our \$8.5M capital campaign goal, thus better positioning us to meet the needs and interests of the community."

The Music Settlement's capital campaign includes the construction of its second campus in Ohio City, enhancements and updates to its historic, five-building University Circle campus, including the Burke Mansion and Gries Building, and scholarships.

"It is our sincere honor to satisfy the donor's values and intentions in a most purposeful way with this tremendous support," says Dr. Christopher Brandt, TMS Board Chairman. Dr. Brandt stated further, "We truly appreciate the donor's investment in our mission and believe this generosity will serve as an inspiration to others who understand the power music and the arts has to positively influence lives."

About The Music Settlement (TMS)

Founded in 1912, The Music Settlement serves Greater Cleveland by encouraging students of all ages and backgrounds to connect with the arts in a way that promotes creativity, fosters self-confidence, and improves quality of life. The Music Settlement provides high-quality music and arts programming and outreach at our University Circle and Ohio City campuses, and operates the award-winning Bop Stop performance venue in Ohio City. Through our Center for Music, Center for Early Childhood, and Center for Music Therapy, our mission is to welcome all to our music and arts community to learn, create, inspire and heal. TMS offers generous financial assistance to those who qualify. For more information, visit us at www.TheMusicSettlement.org.

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