

2024

## Impact Report

# Trust Drum Circles

Empowering communities through shared rhythm, wellness, and cultural preservation of the arts.



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# From the Director

As we reflect on our third year of growth at Trust Drum Circles, we're proud of the positive impact we've made locally and globally. Our mission to empower communities through shared rhythm, wellness, and cultural preservation continues to create meaningful, cross-cultural connections.

A major milestone this year was receiving 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, and hiring staff which will help us strengthen our work and expand our reach.

Thanks to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters, our programs have flourished. Through drum circles, therapeutic rhythms, and workshops, we've empowered individuals to find their rhythm, connect, and express themselves. We've also expanded our outreach and secured great partnerships.

Notable achievements include expanding four programs, building partnerships with Refugee Relief Initiative, HELP Foundation, Final Third Foundation, Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Ohio, and ECOWICE, as well as expanding initiatives in Cameroon, Kenya, Niger and Tanzania — all showing music's power to heal and unite.

As we look to the future, we are dedicated to enhancing our impact and spreading more joy through community events. We appreciate everyone who contributed to this year's success and are eager to continue this vital work together.

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Maseh Nchang  
Executive Director, Trust Drum Circles



# Program Snapshot



## Programs and Services

- Trust Drum Circles network
- 1000 Drum Project
- Men In Rhythm
- The Rhythm Collective
- Interactive Drum Circles
- Corporate & Community Events
- Professional Speaking & Drumming Engagements





# Program Spotlight



In 2024, Trust Drum Circles was thrilled to secure a partnership with the **Boys and Girls Club of Northeast Ohio** to launch an engaging music education program for local youth. Running through May 2025, this series of recurring drumming sessions will introduce participants to African drumming traditions, allowing them to explore cultural heritage, develop musical skills, and express themselves creatively.

The program is designed to foster both individual growth and group collaboration, helping participants build teamwork, confidence, and emotional well-being. Through rhythm-based education, we aim to show how music can be a transformative tool for self-expression and connection to global cultures.

This partnership exemplifies our commitment to making arts education accessible, especially for underserved communities. We are excited about the opportunity to expand this initiative, and hope that it serves as an inspiration for other organizations to consider similar partnerships with us to bring the power of rhythm and culture to more youth in the coming years.





# Program Spotlight



In 2024, Trust Drum Circles formed a meaningful partnership with the **HELP Foundation Inc.** to bring fun music therapy programs to individuals with special needs. Through this collaboration, we offered a therapeutic drumming session designed to enhance emotional expression, improve motor skills, and promote social connection.

Our initiatives provided a safe and supportive space where participants can explore rhythm and sound, helping them build self-confidence, reduce stress, and improve overall well-being. This partnership strengthened our commitment to accessible, inclusive programming that supports diverse communities. We are excited to continue this work in the upcoming year, creating more opportunities for healing and connection through the universal language of rhythm.

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# Program Spotlight



Trust Drum Circles is excited to partner with **ECOWICE** to expand programming in Tanzania. ECOWICE is dedicated to fostering common ground by integrating ecotourism, cultural heritage, and wildlife conservation, thereby creating opportunities for sustainable development.

We have transitioned from individually executing our activities to partnering with local African nonprofit organizations for community-based program delivery. Through these alliances, we directly empower artisans and performers to strengthen their communities through art and music, while also providing a platform to showcase their talents to local and international interest. Below, under the Trust Drum Circles program network, we feature Kikosi Kazi, or 'Taskforce' performing by the Mikumi National Park.



We also a partnered with **Refugee Relief Initiative** to amplify our 1000 drum project in two orphanages and organize events in Yaoundé for internally displaced families affected by the current Cameroon civil war.





# By the Numbers



## Program Impact

- **613** unduplicated participants served
- **41** drums donated to youth in Ohio and Africa
- **15** corporate and community drum circles
- **5** new program partnerships
- **African Countries served** - Tanzania, Kenya, Cameroon
- **African Cities served** - Yaoundé, Bamenda, Mombasa, Morogoro
- **Ohio Cities served** - Cleveland, Akron, Columbus, Athens, Millersburg, Cincinnati, Westerville, Pickerington, Baltimore
- **Ohio Counties served**- Cuyahoga, Franklin, Summit, Athens, Prince George's, Holmes



# Core Values



## Rhythm and Joy

We engaged adults with disabilities and at-risk youth to nurture their rhythm. Rooted in joy, our circles foster connection, and personal growth, helping participants experience a sense of belonging and optimism through rhythm.



## Cultural Preservation

We engaged with local villages and drum makers to promote cultural preservation and support sustainable craftsmanship. Through these partnerships, we've not only expanded our outreach but also helped sustain local economies by promoting the skill development of drum-making as we reach our 1000 Drum Project goal.

## Next Steps

### Planned Programming for 2025:

- Boys and Girls Club of Northeast Ohio
- HELP Foundation, Inc.
- Summit Recovery Hub, Inc.
- ECOWICE
- Refugee Relief Initiative
- Enhanced Programming in Cameroon, Kenya, Tanzania, and Niger
- Distribute over 50 drums





# Finacials



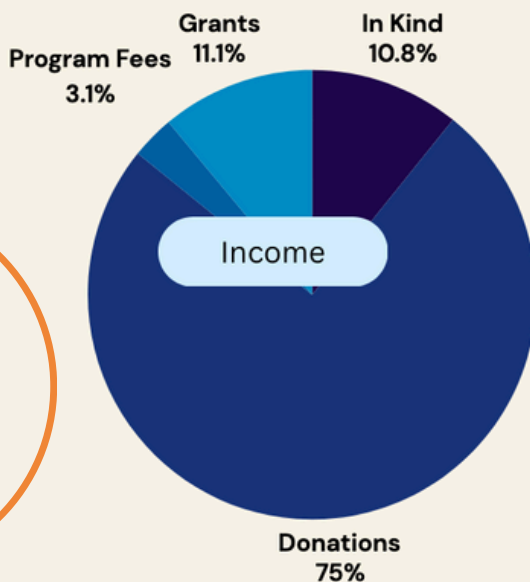
## Total Revenue

- Individual Donations: \$10,170
- Program Fees: \$422
- Grants: \$1,500
- In Kind Donations: \$1,465

## Total Expenses

- Program: \$7934
- Operational: \$542
- Staffing: \$3072

## 2024 FINANCIALS



# Thank You To Our Supporters!

In 2024, the generosity of local sponsors and individual donors enabled Trust Drum Circles to expand our programming and reach over 613 participants. Their support helped raise awareness about the power of rhythm and connection, allowing us to create meaningful experiences that resonate with individuals and communities alike. We are deeply grateful for their contributions, which are central to our continued impact.

## We Wish To Thank:

- Walmart Foundation
- HELP Foundation, Inc
- True Nature Holistic Retreats
- Circles of Rhythm
- Rhythm2Recovery
- Michelle Pounds
- Dr. & Mrs. Akamangwa
- MACO Rentals





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