Community Outreach Update - 2021



Thank you so much for contributing to our summer fundraising campaign benefitting The Front Porch's outreach program, Roots & Wings. Our hiatus during COVID had a silver lining: it gave us time to brainstorm new ways of reaching our community, and the opportunity to form NEW PARTNERSHIPS! We're back in the community this fall, working with more students than ever. Your support has made all of this possible -- THANK YOU!

NEW LEADERSHIP

Director of Community Outreach, Melissa Mossinghoff

Melissa moved to Charlottesville to attend UVA and has happily called it home ever since. Professionally, she taught in local elementary schools and worked as communications coordinator at Building Goodness Foundation. We are thrilled to welcome her to the team!



NEW TEACHERS



Mark Williams singer/songwriter, actor



Emily Ellis pianist



Jack Tierney singer/songwriter, guitarist



Theo Herrin singer/songwriter, guitarist



Lillie Williams
West African dancer



Erynn McLeod singer/songwriter, guitarist

NEW PROGRAMMING AND PARTNERSHIPS



As the pandemic recedes, we're excited and grateful to be able to focus our energy on Pre-K and elementary students. Once COVID restrictions are lifted, we'll resume the Music Mentorship program with middle school band/orchestra partners as well as the Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Center.

Early Learning Centers/Preschools:

Front Porch teaching artists provide positive and fun music programming through developmentally appropriate songs, creative movement, rhymes, and music vocabulary. We are the dedicated music program provider for these organizations:

Monticello Area Community Action Agency (MACAA) Head Start Shining Star Preschool at Jefferson Area Board for Aging (JABA) YMCA Early Learning Center at The Jefferson School

Elementary After School Music Enrichment:

We provide musical enrichment activities that promote confidence and enhance performance skills, reaching beyond the Virginia Music Standards to emphasize both music and theater arts.

PARTNERS:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central VA: Cherry Avenue and Jack Jouett locations enjoy West African dance with Lillie Williams.

City Schools Aftercare w/YMCA - Mark Williams teaches students contemporary songs and music theater activities at Burnley-Moran, Clark, Greenbrier, Jackson-Via, and Johnson Elementary Schools.