

our faculty, donors, and community partners, we nurture artistry and leadership through the shared experience of chamber music.

Waltye Rasulala, Board Chair



































Our Impact in Numbers

Celebrating a year of generosity, growth, and community support.

Growing Community Support

This year, NCCMI saw continued growth in individual giving and community engagement.

Total Individual Contributions: \$57,979

- Board Contributions: \$12,467
- General and Matched Gifts: \$45,512
- Total Donors: 179 (up 12% from FY24)

Donor Retention and Impact

A strong 53% of contributions came from returning donors, reflecting loyalty and trust in NCCMI's mission to nurture young musicians and strengthen community connections.

from prior years 13% First-time Donors 47% Renewing Donors

Re-captured Donors

Events and Fundraising Highlights

Together, our community raised \$23,000 through special events:

- Spring Fundraiser "Set the Tone" (April, 2025): \$19,000
- Winter Fundraiser New in FY25! (December, 2024): \$4,500

Campaign Momentum

Support flowed through multiple campaigns, including Giving Tuesday, our End-of-Year Appeal, and the annual Donor Letter, building steady

engagement throughout the year.

Major Sponsors and Partners

With deep gratitude to our lead supporters—Warner Foundation, Swan MedTech, North Carolina Arts Council, City of Raleigh Arts Commission (CORAC), United Arts Council (UAC), and the WCPE Education Fund—whose combined \$86,000 in grants and aid helped NCCMI expand access and impact this year.













Expanding Our Reach

Empowering young musicians to make a lasting impact.

Community Partnerships

NCCMI collaborated with local organizations and government partners to present nearly 50 community performances across the Triangle. Students shared music at civic events, libraries, museums, retirement communities, and partner churches—bringing chamber music to audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

Access and Achievement

To ensure opportunity for all, NCCMI awarded \$14,120 in scholarships to 36 students – over 1/3rd of our students. For many students, we also provided instruments and private lessons at no cost, and offered flexible payment options.

Students excelled throughout the year — earning Superior ratings at the Federation Junior Festival and top prizes at state and regional chamber music competitions.





A Musical Voice for Everyone

NCCMI ensembles explore a wide range of repertoire spanning classical to contemporary works by composers from many traditions. This approach allows students and audiences alike to experience music that feels relevant, inspiring, and deeply human.





Directors Elizabeth Beilman and Jimmy Gilmore were given the Raleigh Medal of Arts for their Creative and Innovative Leadership.

Leading with Purpose

Strengthening our organization for the future.

Strengthening Our Foundation

As NCCMI enters its second decade, we continue a pattern of slow, steady growth while maintaining financial health—operating in the black every year since inception. In FY25, we had a budget of \$191,484. We reinforced stability through reinvestment in a 12-month CD and expanded both foundation and corporate support, with foundation giving up over \$3,000 and corporate giving rising 40%.



Strategic Vision for the Next Chapter

At a spring Board retreat, members revisited and refined NCCMI's Strategic Plan, reaffirming our three core pillars:

- Build Capacity strengthen organizational and financial sustainability
- Build Community Awareness expand visibility and partnerships across the Triangle
- Create Opportunities for All increase access to high-quality music education

Governance in Action

The Governance Committee advanced several key initiatives this year:

- Updated staff job descriptions and succession planning
- Created a Board Handbook
- Launched new committees aligned with best-practice recommendations from last year's organizational review

Investing in People

We continue to prioritize staff development and equitable compensation, aligning with nonprofit best practices to support our dedicated team. This year, NCCMI also welcomed two new staff members through a partnership with the NC State University Work Study Program, a federally supported grant initiative that helps students gain hands-on nonprofit experience.



Looking Ahead

As we look to the future, NCCMI remains grounded in its mission and energized by the community that makes our work possible. Together—with our students, families, educators, and supporters—we are creating pathways for young musicians to learn, lead, and thrive.

