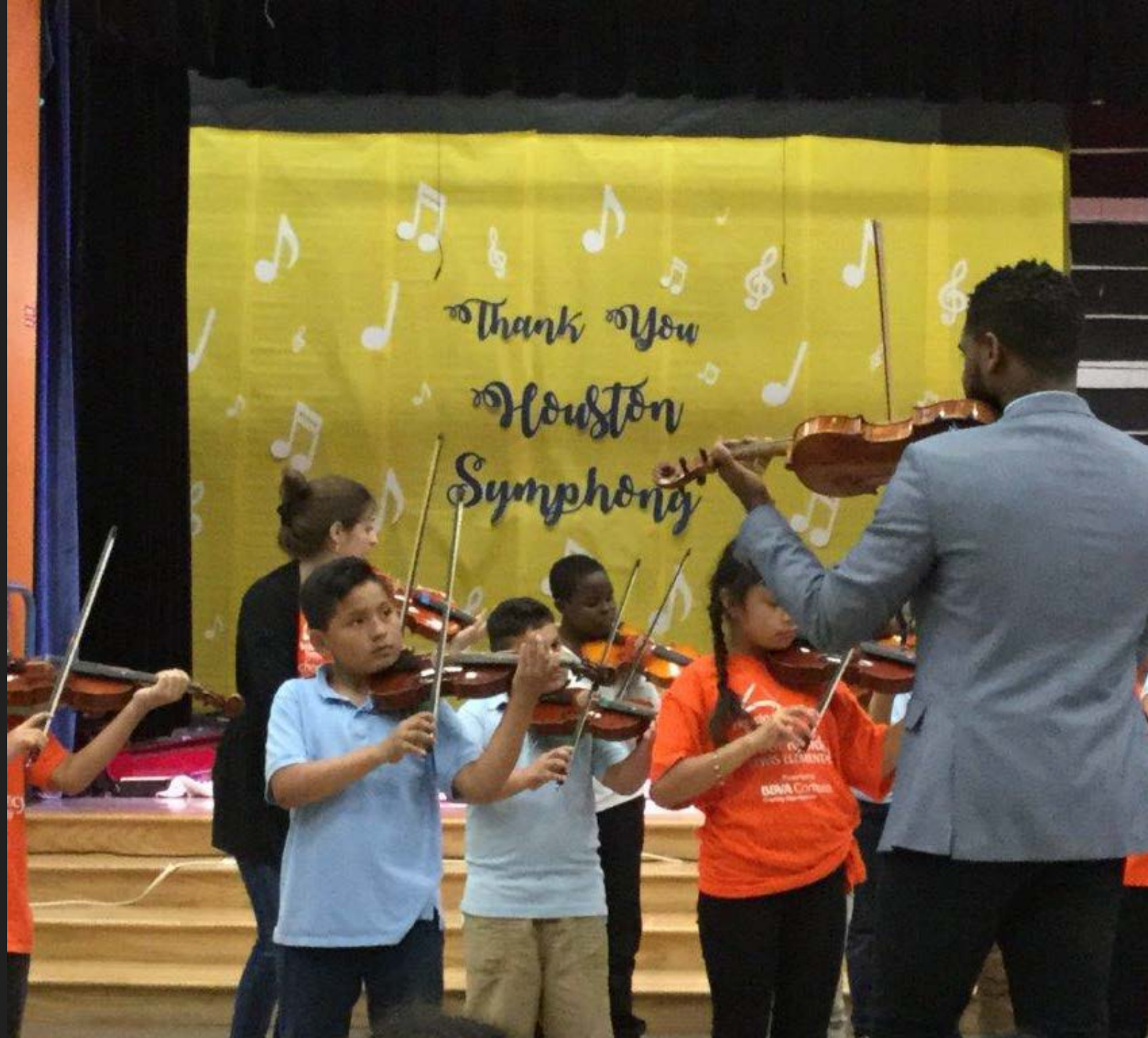




TASO Recognized Project  
Lewis Elementary Violin Residency Program  
April 10, 2021

**This is the result of a partnership between the Houston Symphony League, the Houston Symphony and Lewis Elementary School.**



# Purpose of Project



- Bring music skills to underserved community.
- Improve quality of life by increasing access to the joy of fine music.
- Create and nurture artistic connections with the Houston Symphony.
- Quantify students' development and growth through observation.

# Motivation & Need



- Education is a long-standing priority for the League and Symphony.
- Making consistent inroads and connections with music study and appreciation becomes greater each year as arts budgets are cut.
- Expanding the number of violins allows students to take them home to care for and practice.

# Project Development:

**Year One: 2018-2019**

Education Staff and League develop  
3-year Violin Residency Program.

- Engaged 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at underserved school.
- League raised money for 40 violins, sheet music and related supplies.
- Symphony's Community Embedded Musicians (CEMs) provided instruction during and after school.
- Model project intended for replication at other schools.







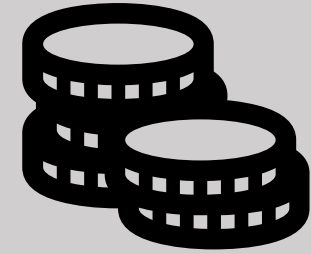
## Year Two: 2019-2020

Violin Residency exceeded expectations and expanded.

# FUNDRAISING

Year Two: 2019–2020

## Goal for Expansion



### League is asked to:

- Provide funding to double program to 80 violins.
- Fund the Community Embedded Musicians for instruction.

Additional 40 Violins @ \$300 each = \$12,000

2 CEMs 24 weeks @ \$621.95 per week = \$14,927

**Total Goal: \$26,927**

**Leadership**  
**Self Motivation**  
**Teamwork**  
**Self-confidence**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

"A Teacher and a violin" \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000  
"A Violin" \_\_\_\_\_ \$350

Please accept my contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Payment Method  
 Credit Card: processed via Square  
 Check: made payable to Houston Symphony  
(include "HSL-Lewis Residency" in memo)  
 Cash

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Julie Busch  
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713.337.8542

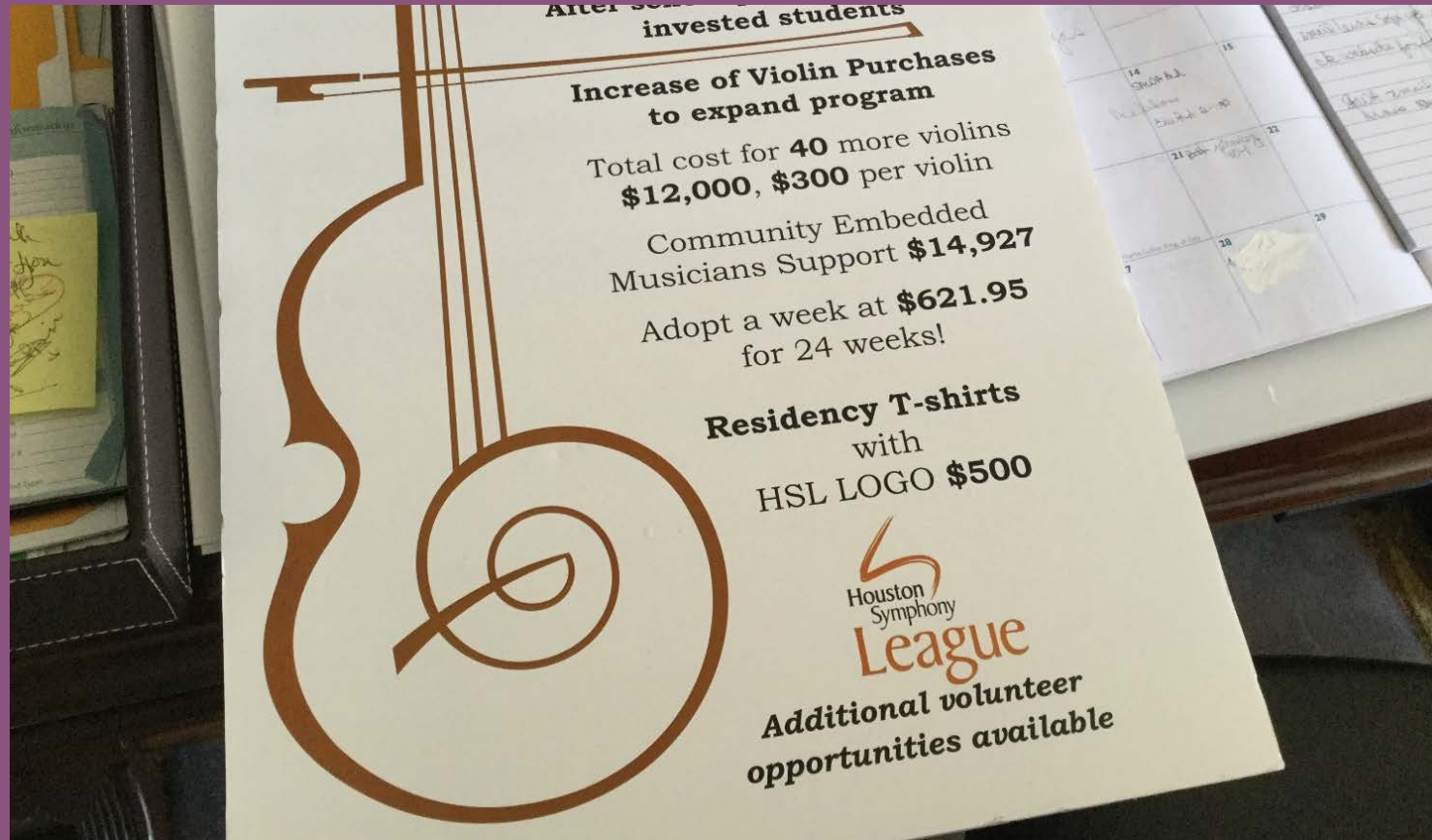
Houston Symphony  
HSL-Lewis Residency

- Adopt a Teacher and Violin  
**\$1,000**

- Buy a Violin  
**\$350**

# Fundraiser #1





- Adopt a Week  
\$621.95
- Residency T-Shirt  
\$500

## Fundraiser #2



Dinner and  
Houston Sy  
Violist Daniel Strba  
Violinist Marcia Stern

Friday, February 21, 2020

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Hosted by Sheila Aron

The Houstonian Estates

121 North Post Oak Lane, No. 406

Houston, Texas

To Rsvp and pay with credit card, please contact

Julie Busch at 713.337.8542

For Payment via Check, send to:

Houston Symphony

615 Louisiana Street, Suite 102

Houston, Texas 77002

Please include "HSL/Lewis Residency/Aron Dinner" in

Your ticket supports the Houston Symp

Residency Program at Lewis Eleme

Ladies: Dressy Casual

Gentle

Ticket Price: \$150 per

Limited to 10 Guests



## Fundraiser #3

### Conversation with Musician Pop-up Dinner

12 @ \$150 = \$1,800

Violist Daniel Strba donated  
time and talent.

# IMPACT

## **Students, School & Community**

- ✓ Music Skills and Knowledge
- ✓ Self-confidence
- ✓ Comportment
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Social/Emotional
- ✓ Academics – especially Math

# Volunteer Requirements & Timeline

## Year Two: 2019-2020



- **Observation and Assessment: 3 Volunteers** (Fall only - Spring cancelled).  
Volunteers observed same class regularly to track individual student progress.  
Timeline: August - meetings with Symphony Education for their needs including observation format, scheduling and fundraising.  
September to December – Classroom Observations and Fundraisers
- **Parent Engagement : 10 Volunteers**  
Volunteers observed and noted parents who seemed interested and interacted with CEMs at Hispanic Heritage Community Event.  
Timeline: September
- **Special Events: 10 Volunteers**  
Volunteers assisted at Family Concert Lobby performance, helped teachers prep violins, helped with escorting and seating of students in April 2019 (cancelled Spring 2020).



# Volunteer Observation Worksheet

## HOUSTON SYMPHONY RESIDENCY AT LEWIS ELEMENTARY – OBSERVATION WORKSHEET

**OBJECTIVE:** Observe growth in students' social, emotional, and life skills through the violin program

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Take notes about students in general as you notice them demonstrating growth in the skills below. List the student name if you can or ask the music teacher who the student was after class is over. Return your sheet to the Houston Symphony filing box after class.

Social Emotional & Life Skill	During this class, student demonstrated. . .
Leadership	
Self-confidence	
Self-motivation	
Teamwork	

Today's lobby performance features

Houston  
Symphony  
School Residency  
LEWIS ELEMENTARY

Presented by  
**BBVA Compass**  
Creating Opportunities

*The violins for the Houston Symphony School Residency  
were purchased with funds generously donated by  
members of the Houston Symphony League.*



Students perform in Jones Hall lobby at  
Saturday morning Family Concert April 2019  
(2020 concert cancelled).

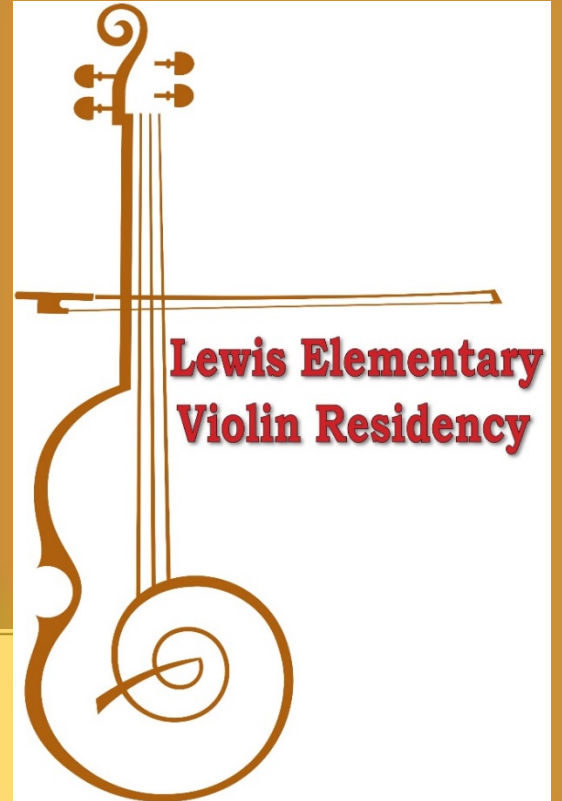


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music education  
at  
**Lewis  
Elementary**



*Thank You  
for supporting Music Education  
and the Violin Residency  
at Lewis Elementary*

*Putting Music in the Hands of Children!*



**Lewis Elementary  
Violin Residency**