



Dear [NAME],

Guitars Over Guns is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that offers students from vulnerable communities in Miami, Chicago, LA and New York a powerful combination of arts education and mentorship with professional artists and musicians to help them overcome hardship, find their voice and reach their potential as tomorrow's leaders.

Established in 2008, we have served over 10,000 students. In Miami, we currently operate programs at 16 middle schools, 4 high schools, 6 community centers and 6 summer camps. All of our mentors receive trauma informed care training and leverage a shared songbook and teaching curriculum. Every 8 weeks our students participate in a showcase where they take healthy risks, such as getting on stage. Built into our curriculum is our M-Power Mental Health Program and Career Readiness Program. Our end game is to ensure our young people all have a pathway after high school and are given the support to become the best versions of themselves.

On behalf of the Guitars Over Guns family, I'd like to personally invite you to participate in our 11th Annual Choose Your Sound Gala on October 19th, 2024 as one of our valued Partners. Choose Your Sound is Guitars Over Guns' signature annual fundraising event, attended by hundreds of key supporters each year including friends, donors, entertainment industry luminaries and community stakeholders. This year, our epic event will take place at the Hilton Miami downtown for our Forever Young 80's gala. Guests are invited to dress as their favorite 80's musician, enjoying an evening filled with incredible performances from our students, mentors, alumni & special guests, amazing food & drinks, and an unbelievable silent auction.

From curtain call to final bow, our Partners make an impact every step of the way. As an official Guitars Over Guns Partner, you'll be a VIP in every audience we entertain. From our student showcases to Choose Your Sound – and all things in between – you'll groove to the music, watch our kids shine on stage, and know that you are making a difference.

Last year, with the community's support, we raised over \$700,000. With these funds, more than 1,490 kids were served at 52 school and community sites. This year, our goal is to raise \$800,000 allowing us to expand and strengthen our mentorship programs throughout the communities we serve, transforming the futures of more than 1,200 youth annually.

We hope that you will consider joining us as a Partner in support of our students. For more information about Choose Your Sound and to register, please go to guitarsoverguns.org/chooseyoursound. There, you can learn about the exciting benefits.

We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor, and making an impact together!

With gratitude,

Chad Bernstein
President / CEO