



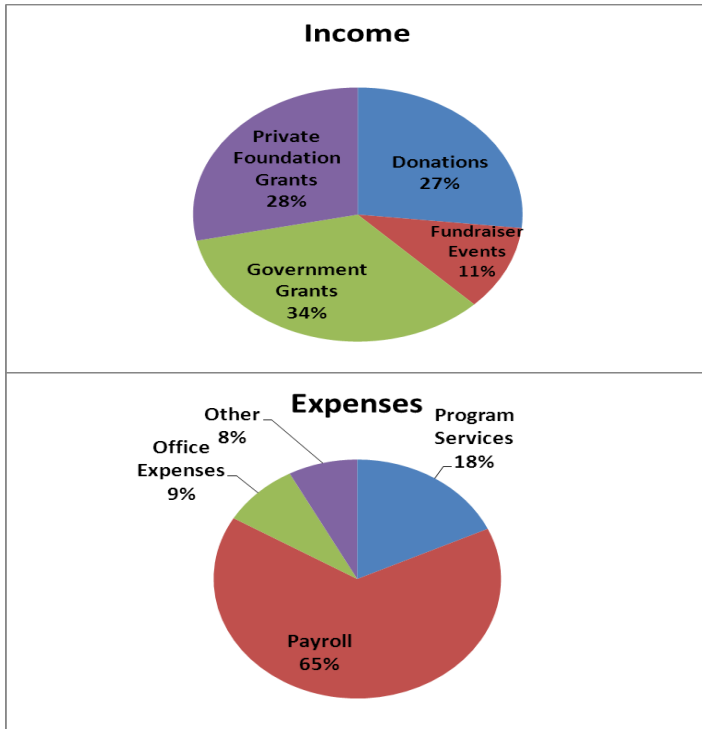
# Annual Report

## FY 2013–2014

*Dear Friends of Junior Appalachian Musicians, Inc:*

*The Board of Directors and Executive Director of JAM, Inc are proud to present this annual report highlighting the financial status and achievements of our organization throughout the 2013-2014 year. Find out how your donation helped us actualize the JAM, Inc vision of bringing traditional music education to children throughout Appalachia. Without the support from folks like you, none of this would have been possible!*

### JAM, Inc's Fiscal Management



**Program Services:** consultation/training services to groups forming new JAM programs; teacher training workshops; web expenses; administrator workshop; development of JAM teacher resources/curricula; ongoing services to affiliates.

**Payroll:** executive director, assistant director, bookkeeper salaries and health benefits.

**Office Expenses:** rent, utilities, general supplies, telephone/internet, postage.

**Other Expenses:** fundraising, staff development, business administration fees, miscellaneous.



JAM, Inc welcomed Brett Morris Martin as President and Executive Director in February 2014 after the retirement of Founder Helen White in August. Martin served as Assistant Director at JAM, Inc since July 2012 and has prior successful experience in grant writing and education. For more info about Brett, see the website!

### Our Affiliated Programs

JAM, Inc provided resources, materials and training to students, instructors & administrators of **25** traditional music education after-school programs this year. Nearly **1,000** students were enrolled learning fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, dance, bass, and dulcimer.

#### North Carolina

- Alleghany JAM
- Ashe JAM
- Buncombe Co. JAM
- Caldwell JAM
- Chatham Co. JAM
- Haywood Co. JAM
- Jackson Co. JAM
- Madison Co. JAM
- Transylvania JAM
- JAM of Swain Co.

#### South Carolina YAM

- (Young Appalachian Musicians)
- Ambler YAM
- AR Lewis YAM
- Hagood YAM
- Holly Springs YAM
- Liberty YAM
- Pickens Elementary YAM
- Pickens Middle YAM
- Youth Leadership Academy
- YAM\* (new this year!)

#### Virginia

- Dickenson Co. JAM\* (new this year!)
- Floyd JAMS
- Franklin Co. JAM\* (new this year!)
- Galax JAM
- WiseJAMS -Big Stone Gap
- WiseJAMS -Coeburn
- Wise JAMS -Norton\* (new this year!)

*"The JAM program is a tremendous asset for bringing music to children who might not otherwise have a chance to be involved with the arts." — Larry Mullins, WiseJAMS Guitar Instructor*

### Our 2013-2014 Corporate Sponsors



**Our Mission** is to revitalize an important cultural heritage by providing resources to schools, arts agencies, traditional musicians and others who create opportunities for children to perpetuate the old time and bluegrass music and dance traditions of the Southern Appalachians.

## JAM, Inc's 2013-2014 Achievements

- Facilitated 6 regional teacher workshops in VA and NC for a total of 74 JAM/YAM instructors. Training topics included: differentiating instruction based on student learning styles, monitoring student progress & behavior, and classroom & behavior management. All teachers were paid stipends.

*"The class materials were so helpful and the opportunity to brainstorm with other instructors was inspirational."*

— Terry Carstensen, FloydJAMS banjo instructor & teacher workshop participant



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- Coordinated regional performances for JAM students at the International Bluegrass Music Association's (IBMA) "World of Bluegrass" event in Raleigh and at the Blue Ridge Music Center.



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*"I have great confidence that our program will be successful for our students because of the information readily and cheerfully provided to show us the way. JAM, Inc has made creating a program very simple and clear-cut." – Marianne Carruth, Advisory Board Member for Pacolet JAM slated to begin Fall 2014.*

- Provided consultation and/or training services to 11 different advisory groups to develop new JAM programs. This year, 4 new programs began, with 3 more starting in the fall and others scheduled for kickoff later on during the 2014-15 year!
- Developed 6 "Effective Teaching Methodologies" videos as resources for JAM teachers

- Provided affiliates with: information about funding opportunities, instruments on loan, donations of instrument strings, copies of JAM TIPS (a resource guide), ongoing consultation, networking opportunities & other information/media through our website and social media
- Facilitated an administrators' workshop for JAM directors & advisory board members
- Partnered with Appalachian State University to develop a "Bringing it Home" video for 4th grade students on the musical heritage and traditions in Watauga County, NC
- Partnered with Emory & Henry College to develop a "Bringing it Home" video for 4th grade students on the musical heritage and traditions in Washington Co. & Smyth Co, VA
- Conducted program site visits, community outreach and marketing at events

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