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New Jersey Symphony Community Partners Monthly Highlights

In March, musicians served more than **550** community members of all ages, through **12** events across **7** New Jersey counties.

"Food for Thought" at Lunch Break

On March 2, Monmouth County charity, Lunch Break, hosted an afternoon filled with live music, poetry, mindfulness activities and community awareness. Indrajit Roy-Chowdhury and Indranil Mallick represented the NJ Symphony Chamber Players and played a traditional afternoon raga for the community members present, showcasing the connection between music, culture and food.

A Day at the Tennis Courts!

On March 5, Brennan Sweet, Eric Wyrick, Brett Deubner and Jonathan Spitz mesmerized more than 100 youngsters and educators with Montgomery's "Strum" at Park Ave School in Orange. The performance and Q&A session was part of our 2nd annual Black History Month mashup of tennis and music in partnership with USTA-Eastern, Althea Gibson Foundation and Orange Public Schools.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Helen Vassiliou, Lucy Corwin and Max Oppeltz spent an afternoon at the Bloomberg offices in Skillman, NJ with their partner organization, Big Brothers Big Sisters on March 19. Bloomberg volunteers are each paired with a student to mentor and act as positive role models, meeting biweekly together in person. During this music session with adults and students, the musicians engaged audience members in discussion about the connection between different musical concepts and emotion.

WAE Center

Jewish Services for the Developmentally Disabled's Wellness Arts Enrichment (WAE) Center in Livingston was treated to an afternoon of dancing and singing on March 20! The WAE Center is a holistic arts learning program for adults with disabilities. Francine and Jonathan Storck dazzled the listeners with classical canon, folk songs, and an impromptu performance of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" with one of the Center's members! A big thank you to Controller, David Moore, for spearheading the Go Fund Me campaign that made this collaboration possible.

As always, thank you for your support of the Community Partners program – stay tuned for the next edition of Monthly Highlights!