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Donor Highlight



Brian and Jamie Osborn, new to the MHOFF family, are making an impact in children's lives. Brian started piano lessons at age 7, and now plays guitar in local groups in the Bay Area. Jamie grew up singing and playing clarinet. She now plays piano and sings in an all-women's barbershop chorus. Music is a staple in their lives, and they value music education. Through their generous support, we donated 95 instruments to schools: Jovita Idar Elementary School in Chicago and Chicago Heights Middle School in Chicago Heights, IL, and Roberto and Dr. Francisco Jiménez Elementary School in Santa Maria, CA.

Strong Finish

We're on track to award instruments to a record number of schools this year!



Beto (left) always wanted to play the sousaphone, but his school didn't have one. He settled for the tuba until his music teacher Mr. Alberto Peña was able to get one loaned from a local school. Now, thanks to the support of our wonderful donors and a grant from long-time supporters, Los Angeles Trial Lawyers' Charities, Beto's dream of playing a sousaphone finally came true. We donated a new sousaphone along with 9 other instruments to George K. Porter Middle School in Granada Hills CA.

"About 2 months ago, I came across a simple Facebook post talking about the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation and an opportunity to get instruments donated to our band program. I figured it couldn't hurt to write an application, heck, maybe we could get a tuba out of it! I am so excited to share that Battlefield Middle School has been selected to receive over \$30,000 in musical instruments. I am shocked and so very grateful. This donation will make a huge impact for our program for years to come."

Sam Durgin, Band Director, Battlefield Middle School, Fredericksburg VA

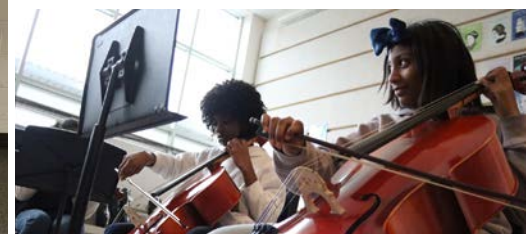
Remembering Matthew



Matthew Pennington, an amazing person and avid fan of all things related to music, unfortunately, left us too soon.



For the last two years, friends and family have gathered for an intimate concert by the Nitwits to remember him and raise funds for MHOFF so his legacy can rock on!



Students from Martin G. Atkins School, Saginaw MI and Jean Childs Young Middle School, Atlanta GA

Five schools from Lincoln Public Schools submitted applications for instrument grants last fall. It was the first time any school from Lincoln, Nebraska, applied for a grant and ALL FIVE schools were awarded. 110 instruments are on their way to Belmont Elementary, Clinton Elementary, Hartley Elementary, Goodrich Middle School and Park Middle School.

Beyond Brilliance

MHOF will be honored for its contributions to San Diego Unified School District at San Diego Visual and Performing Arts Foundation's Beyond Brilliance Gala on May 20.

San Diego Unified requested a second Music (and Arts) Education District Support Services assessment to continue to help identify challenges and barriers limiting student access to quality, sequential, and sustainable music and arts programming. We are excited to service the district and look forward to the impact it will have on teachers and students!

To learn more about MEDSS, mhopus.org/MEDSS



Students from Camden-Frontier School, Camden MI, and Imperial Middle School, La Habra CA

"Guadalupe Centers Middle School is incredibly honored to be the recipient of this amazing donation! I know that this donation is going to have an incredibly profound impact on our students and will show them that their hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. Additionally, on a larger scale, this donation will have a ripple effect that will empower our students to realize their potential through music so they can positively contribute to their community and the world. As a school community we will be forever grateful for this donation and cannot wait to show you all the lives it will change."

Chase Shumsky, Music Teacher, Guadalupe Centers Middle School, Kansas City MO

For a list of awarded schools, go here: mhopus.org/awarded-schools

Kentucky Hero

Through a generous grant from Chris and Morgane Stapleton's Outlaw State of Kind Hometown Fund at Blue Grass Community Foundation, 222 instruments have been donated to 12 Kentucky schools, with more on the way!



Students at Magoffin County High School in Salyersville KY:

"I wasn't able to be in band in middle school, but now I can because I have a good working flute"
Brookelynn

"We were never able to afford Timpani, now we can have that big sound in our band."
Reagan

"THANK YOU so much! When I told the kids this morning, my tuba player seriously cried tears of joy. This is because he's been using a full-size tuba and he's smaller statured, so it's been a challenge. This generous donation will have an impact on the Valley Band program for many years to come!"

Mark Hopkins, Music Teacher, Valley Elementary, Pikeville KY

Shortly after investing \$250,000 in Kentucky schools, the Blue Grass State was devastated by disastrous flooding, and Chris pledged to help affected schools through our national relief fund, Music Rising. Soon, four schools will receive instruments to help their music program back on their feet through funds donated from Kentucky Rising, a benefit concert for eastern Kentucky.

"I'm a composer and lover of music. I grew up learning violin and singing and know how much of a profound impact it had on my life. I believe learning music is a gift for children and I want to support that in a small way."

Eric Turnnessen, new donor

A cash contribution today will change a life forever. Please give the gift of music by donating online at mhopus.org/donate

Consider a monthly donation to sustain our efforts all through the year.

On behalf of so many, thank you SO much!



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