



# OPUS NOTES

WINTER 2025

Over the summer, our team worked hard to ensure that new instruments reached schools in time for the start of the academic year. Thanks to your support, students nationwide began the year with the necessary equipment to participate in their school's music program. On the following pages, you'll see the joy on students' faces and hear from teachers as they highlight the lasting impact your generosity makes possible.



Students at Olney High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania celebrating a delivery of a trumpet, clarinet, and saxophones



**"MHOFF has opened so many doors for our program and we are incredibly grateful."**  
-Angela Cresap, Music Teacher at Sunrise Mountain High School in Las Vegas, Nevada



**"These instruments will create a lasting impact on our students, our school, and our community."**  
-Jalinie Barnard, Music Teacher at Cumberland Gap High School in Cumberland Gap, Tennessee



**"Students returned to school yesterday and these were the first things their eyes saw when they entered the room. I didn't even get the chance to say welcome back before they ran to them!"**  
-Barbara McMilian, Music Teacher at Calloway Smith Middle School in Mobile, Alabama



**“This is us at the Downtown Aquarium at the HISD Elementary Orchestra Festival! Thank you so much for your generosity! We are putting the instruments to work!”**  
-Mindy Snow, Music Teacher at Longfellow Elementary School in Houston, Texas

**“My general music classes have piqued the interest of the student body. None of which would have happened without the help of Mr. Hollands Opus Foundation.”**

-Annette Torres, Music Teacher at Ebenezer Middle School in Sumter, South Carolina

**“[Your donation] has made so many opportunities possible, and students are getting more and more excited about band!”**

- Brittany Johnson, Music Teacher at Science Hill Independent School in Science Hill, Kentucky

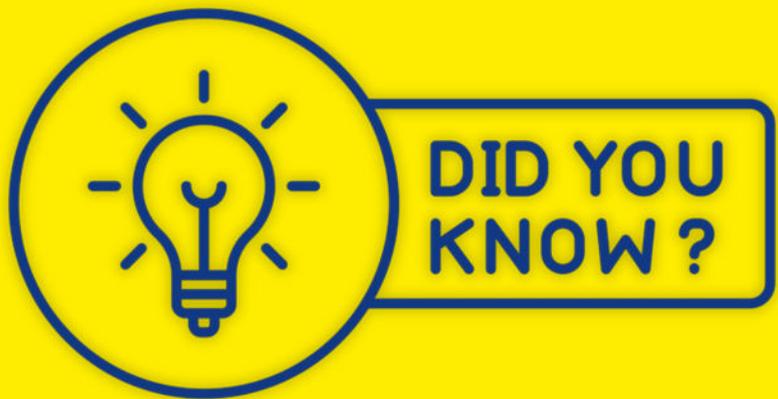


**Students at Hampton High School in Hampton, Tennessee enjoying newly-delivered trombones**

**“We’ve launched a new Jazz Band, giving students the chance to explore improvisation, jazz history, and performance in a whole new way. The group is already buzzing with energy.”**

- Daniel Dorsett, Music Teacher at Harshman Middle School in Indianapolis, Indiana





## Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation also provides adaptive instruments!

Your support allows us to proudly serve schools like Central Elementary in Albemarle, North Carolina, by providing **adaptive instruments**: specialized musical equipment designed to ensure **every** student can experience the **joy of making music**.



### These instruments include:

- modified recorders for one-handed playing
- adaptive mallet cuffs that help students hold percussion mallets
- ukulele learning systems that make chords more accessible

By providing these adaptive instruments, we're helping teachers create music programs that ensure every child has access to the benefits of music education.



“These adaptive mallets have completely changed the game for so many of my kids. The second I got the adaptive mallets out and began giving them to the kids who needed them, you could see their confidence blossoming and they were all so excited to finally be able to fully immerse themselves in the music making!”

-Mrs. Regan Eudy, Music Teacher at Central Elementary School

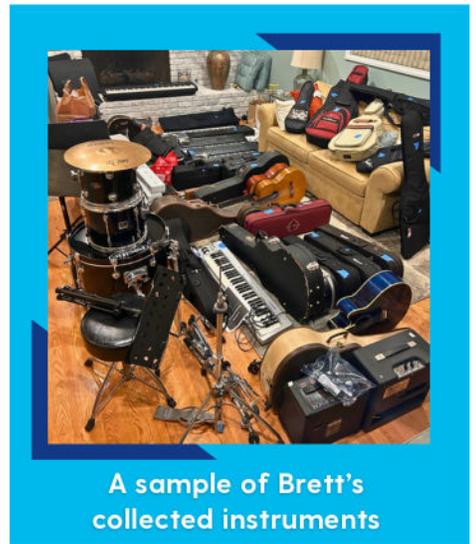




**Meet Brett**, a dedicated Eagle Scout with a passion for helping young musicians.

For his Eagle Scout service project, Brett spent the summer collecting gently used instruments to benefit Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation.

Thanks to his hard work, nearly 70 instruments and 15 accessories will be placed in the hands of students at schools throughout the greater Los Angeles area. Thank you, Brett!



A sample of Brett's collected instruments

## Share the Gift of Music this Holiday Season!

Give the gift of music for the holidays with a personalized e-card that helps place instruments in the hands of students. Each card brings the joy of music to under-resourced schools and inspires a new generation of young musicians. Visit us online: [mhopus.org/holiday-cards](http://mhopus.org/holiday-cards)



We're proud to share that Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation has once again earned a **4-star rating** on Charity Navigator with a **100% perfect score!** Scan the QR code to see our profile and learn more.



## A CASH CONTRIBUTION TODAY CAN CHANGE A LIFE FOREVER



Please consider helping place instruments in the hands of students nationwide by donating online at [mhopus.org/donate](http://mhopus.org/donate) or by using the enclosed envelope.

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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