

annual REPORT

of the MusicLink® Foundation 2022–2023



REACHING 30TH ANNIVERSARY GOALS

The 2022–23 year was a year of accomplishments for the MusicLink Foundation befitting its 30th anniversary celebration. We reached the goal of 8,000 student/teacher links thanks to Garrett Uy of Columbus, Indiana, now taking lessons with Elizabeth Clark and Kim Jones.

This year brought many exciting new additions to MusicLink. We now have MusicLink Regional Coordinators in all seven regions of the country, eager to work with teachers and parents to create new links for ongoing MusicLink lessons. We are attracting new donors, including a recent donation of \$10,000 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through the American Online Giving Foundation, a partner foundation of the Benevity Giving Platform. We also saw a rise in recurring donations that provide ongoing funds throughout the year.



Elizabeth Clark and Garrett Uy

We have partnered with Casio to bring portable keyboards into the homes of beginning students and continue to accept instrument donations from the public. We look forward to another year of success thanks to our wonderful MusicLink teachers and donors.

Please send your donation in the enclosed envelope if you received this report in the mail or online at musiclinkfoundation.org or fundmusiclink.com. Happy Holidays to you!

30th Anniversary Goals Reached

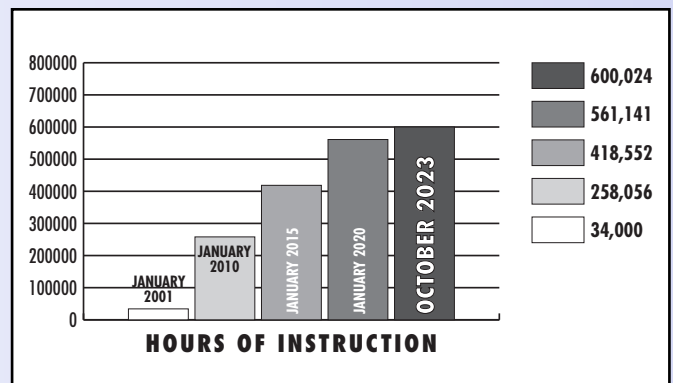
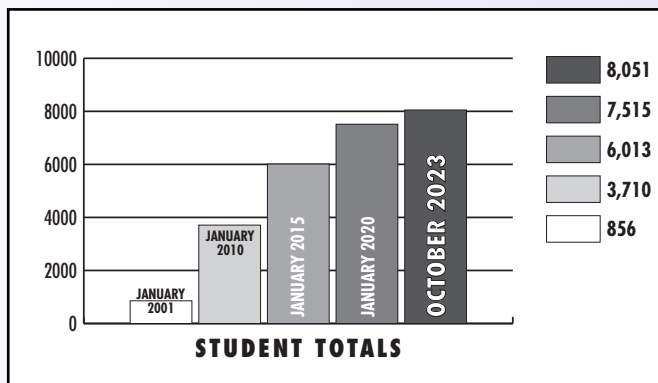
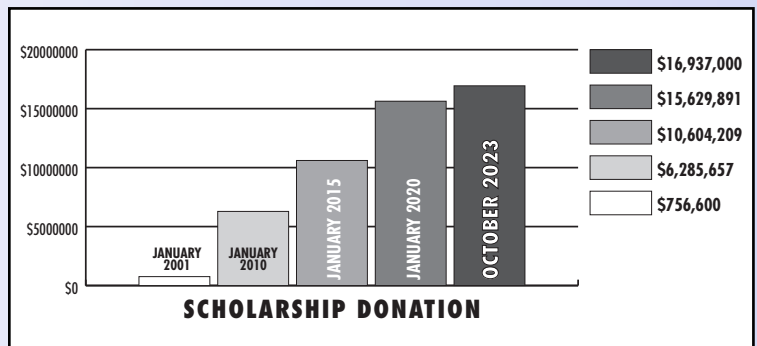


MusicLink goals during the 30th anniversary year included recognition of the state that added the largest number of students in 2022. We applaud Minnesota MusicLink once again leading in this accomplishment, adding 121 new students this past year with an overall total one student shy of 1,800. The state has 52 active MusicLink teachers and annually sponsors a popular playathon at the Mall of America that raised almost \$9,000 this year.

We are so pleased that our donors provided \$90,198 during the 2022–23 fiscal year. We are hoping to reach \$100,000 for the 2023–24 fiscal year. You can easily donate online on our website (www.musiclinkfoundation.org) or on www.fundmusiclink.com. Our thanks for your support.

MUSICLINK® FOUNDATION STATUS REPORT

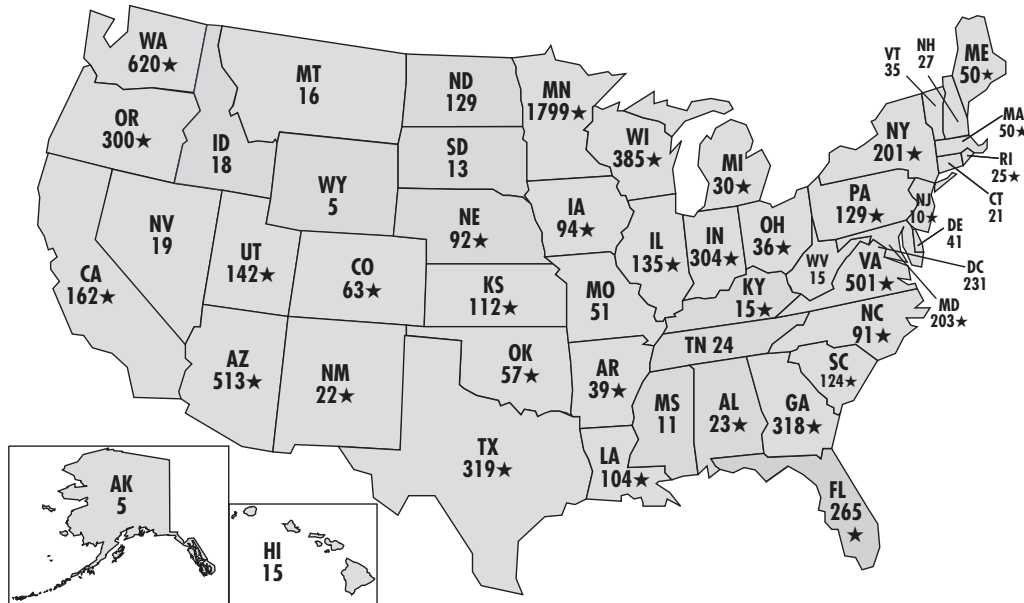
As of November 17, 2023, the MusicLink® Foundation has reached **8,051 students**; provided over **600,024 hours** of instruction, equivalent to over **\$16.937 million** of in-kind scholarship donation.



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Students by State

The maps show the total of students served by MusicLink® over the past 30 years. Stars (★) indicate states adding new students during the 2022–2023 fiscal year.



OUR CURRENT MusicLink® TEACHERS

OVERALL TEACHER TOTAL: 4,736. TEACHERS ADDED THIS YEAR: 330. ACTIVE TEACHERS AS OF 11-19-2023: 233. Hall of Fame Teachers (5–9 years); **Teachers of Distinction** (10–14 years); **Teachers of Distinction with Honors** (15–19 years); **Teacher Laureate** (20+ years).

Alabama: Sandra Girouard

Arkansas: Judy Rownak

Arizona: Lynnette Barney

California: James Bastani, Mona Benight, Mary Burroughs, Susan Culbertson, Bruno Damico, Lily Diehl, Elizabeth Erickson, Lisa Fowler, Jack Meacham, Carol Newberger, Christine Rosander, John Scaccia, Melody Schwarz, Austin Scott, Esther Shaw, Miranda Shum, Maureen Spranza

Colorado: Alaunde Copley-Woods, Larry Graham, Mika Inouye, Ben Raznick, Henry Spencer

Connecticut: Lani Bortfeld, James Kessler

Delaware: Ken Behrens

Florida: Lynnette Roberts, Emily Breezee, Tanya Brooks, Hannah Flook, Siri Gundersen, Viktor Kunder, Anthony Laudata, Cayley McCloskey, Laura Sinclair, Sam Stark, Joe Sullivan

Georgia: **Deborah Brady**, Corina Brito, Robin Engleman, Debra Hughes, Zeya Luo, Lois Simon

Iowa: **Nancy Cree**

Illinois: Phyllis Calderon, Sarah Gasse, Brywn Johnson, Molly Lehr, Marcia Mally, Deborah Meier, Courtney Thiede, Janna Williamson, Judy Zylstra

Indiana: Elizabeth Clark, Kim Jones, Carol Phipps, Sarah Strickland, Lynelle Vogel

Kansas: **Leonetta Chaves-Bibby**, Linda Mannering, **Laura Martinez**, **Judith Naillon**, **Natalie Weber**

Louisiana: Christopher Cunningham, Veronica Perez Espinosa, Ruth Roland, Anna Stanley

Massachusetts: Michelle Gordon, Ling Guo, Malena Rachelle

Maryland: **Sylvie Beaudoin**, Karin Chambless Nandkumar

Maine: Mairead Guy

Michigan: Leslie Hess

Minnesota: Annalise Aakhus, Diane Leslie Anderson, Hannah Baaker, Luke Bastian, Eric Bell, Ruth Borash, Leisa Bragg, **Jaette Carpenter**, Debra Chenoweth, Sara Diedrich, Lara Dietrich, Pat Dymacek, Shane Ellis, Ahmi Emig, Caleb Erickson, Emily Feld, Anna Jeanne Flesner, Amara Foner, Ellie Fregni, Laura Geissler, Mitchell Grussing, Arianna Hady, Becca Hauglid, Marilyn Henry, **Ashley Hodapp**, Ellen Jepson, Tziporah Johnson, Casey Johnson, Diane Jordan, Chloe Knott, Caroline Langfeld, Monica Larson, Karen Lewis, Rachel Lonetti, Maddie Marshall, Tara Meade, Sarah Mensen, **Diana Mills**, Christina Misso, Katrina Mundinger, Rebecca Nelson, Tamir Nolley, Jennifer Parker, Hannah Pfeiffer, Casey Rasmussen, Sue Ruby, Karen Saunders, **Sandra Sheih**, Kalli Sobania, Carolyn Towler, **Nancy Van Kampen**, Brian Van Stavern, Rachel Weyandt, Rachel Williams, Michael Wolter

Missouri: Elizabeth Karako, Jan Scott

North Carolina: **Jennifer Campbell**, Elizabeth Churchya, Laura Dale, Ginnah Temple

North Dakota: **Priscilla Keogh**

Nebraska: **Rebecca Bogardus**, Derek Day

New Hampshire: Gregory Mayo, Ellen Schwindt

New Jersey: **Julie Wegener**

New Mexico: Jessica Retana

New York: Leslie Austin, Hudson Lin, Christine Pulliam Melamed, Ken Owen, Austin Owen, Beomsoo Park, Lorie Parmalee, **Jean Russak**, Christina Sahloff, Tamara Slobodkin, Jean Vilkelis, Paulina Yeung

Ohio: Joshua Comport

Oklahoma: Janelle Crane, Ruth Giessen, Jennifer Walschap

Oregon: Emma Downing, Adam Eason, Suzanne Gaye, Wilma Hawkins Suzanne Hryniw, Stephan Nance, Carol Ratzlaf, Claudia Reinsch, Ruth Sadilek, Paul Safar, Debra Sostrin, Susan Todd, Amy Vanacore, Ashlee Young

Pennsylvania: Jack Plumlee, Adam Price, Cassie Rumbough

Rhode Island: Victor Mansella, Andy Rizzotti

South Carolina: Tekoa Freeman-Morris, **Deb Kithianis**, Deborah Ruth

Tennessee: John Fumo

Texas: Theresa Franks, **Sherry Frush**, Regina Graham, Won Yong Lee, **Corine Maldonado**, Jose Quesada, Gladys Renee Scott, Rebecca Stricker

Utah: Stephen Ball, Alissa Dorman, Tai Finlayson, Alden Marriott, Daniel Shumway, Michaela West, Denise Williams

Virginia: Bomi Baik, **Anne Beamer**, **Dave Belazis**, Kathryn Brunner, Greg Genter, Tatyana Hearne, Francesca Hurst, Catherine Ing, **Cora Lee Khambatta**, Joan Mizrahi, Tia Norris, Olga Roberts, Michelle Unadkat

Washington: **Heather Forbes**, Shala Gunnells, Rose Hashimoto, Jessica Kelly, Louise (Liz) Nedela Greene, Barbara Oakley, Mary Kaye Owen, **Brandy Pancoast**, **Amanda Snell**, Brenna Wells, **Angela Wentz**, Yimo Zhang

Wisconsin: Michelle Berry, **Laurie Bridwell-BoeDee**, **Cindy Duszynski**, Kayme Henkel, Sandra Statz, Shannon Whaples, Chelsea Windmoeller-Schmit

MusicLink® Accomplishments 2022–2023

Welcome to New Coordinators

We welcome Regional Coordinators Corine Maldonado (SC), Karin Chambless Nandkumar (NE) and Christine Morrow (NW) to the MusicLink roster to serve as liaisons to teachers, parents, local coordinators, and the community.



Laura Blanchard



Corine Maldonado



Karin Chambless Nandkumar



Christine Morrow

We are thrilled to have a new Social Media Coordinator, Laura Blanchard (UT) who has raised our presence across different social media platforms. We reached our goal of 1.3K followers on our Facebook page and are starting to see Instagram followers grow as well (274 current followers).

MUSICLINK® HALL OF FAME

Dedicated teachers lie at the heart of MusicLink and we are proud of all of them. The dedication to nurturing a student through years of training sets this program apart from others and “creates musicians, one student at a time.” We reached a banner year of celebration for our MusicLink teachers, with four teachers reaching the Teacher Laureate level of teaching or coordinating through the program for 20 years or more. This accomplishment shows the dedication of caring teachers across years of teaching to reach students who may not have been able to afford lessons.



Cora Lee Khambatta



Peggy Newhall



Sue Wege



Brandy Pancoast

Congratulations to Cora Lee Khambatta (Arlington,VA), Peggy Newhall (Annandale, VA), Sue Wege (Cottage Grove, MN) and Brandy Pancoast (Kettle Falls, WA). Each MusicLink Laureate received a crystal trophy to display in their home or studio.

Teachers and coordinators who have served 15–19 years through MusicLink are recognized as MusicLink Teachers of Distinction with Honors. The following teachers reached this level of commitment this year: Anne Beamer (VA), Jaette Carpenter (MN), Priscilla Keogh (ND), Nancy Van Kampen (MN), Julie Wegener (NY).

Teachers of Distinction are those that are actively teaching now and have taught through MusicLink for 10–14 years. Eight MusicLink teachers reached this level of commitment this year: Deborah Brady (GA), Nancy Cree (IA), Heather Forbes (WA), Karen Monroe (WA), Susan Munson (MN), Lori Supernow (NE), and Natalie Weber (KS).

Teachers enter the MusicLink Hall of Fame when they have taught for five to nine years through MusicLink. We are honored to recognize 18 teachers for reaching this category: Sylvie Beaudoin (MD), Rebecca Bogardus (NE), Sheila Dacus (NC), Charlotte Grantier (MN), Marguerite Lane (GA), Corine Maldonado (TX), Judith Nailon (KS), Sandra Sheih (MN), Angela Wentz (WA), Dave Belazis (VA), Meredith Buchanan (VA), Cindy Duszynski (WI), Deb Kithianis (SC), Sara Langmead (MN), Christine Morrow (GA) Jean Russak (NY), Amanda Snell (WA), Penelope Wolff (OR).

SENIOR AWARDS

The MusicLink Foundation Senior Award of Excellence recognizes a graduating senior who has shown ongoing commitment to lessons and has made significant progress in musical studies, performing at an outstanding level. This year the MusicLink Foundation also presented a MusicLink Achievement Honors Award. Both awards (\$1,000 and \$500) were made possible by the Arline and Russell Bridge Endowment Fund.



Emily Fong

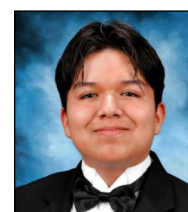
Emily Fong—MusicLink® Senior Award of Excellence

We were pleased to present the 2023 MusicLink Senior Award of Excellence to Emily Fong, a piano student of Maureen Spranza of San Leandro, CA. Emily has taken MusicLink piano lessons for six years with her teacher, explaining that “she has made much musical progress in theory, technique, sight-reading, ear training and repertoire. Emily has shown her creativity through composition and improvisation and participated in the MTAC Improvisation Honors Recital at their annual convention. She has received the Senior Award through the MTAC Certificate of Merit Program. In addition to these many musical achievements, Emily shows great

academic achievement in school by taking AP classes and achieving high grades throughout high school.” The MusicLink Foundation provided Emily with a baby grand piano for her studies.

Emily explains the role music plays in her life in her submitted essay: “Music naturally became my guide and my main source of happiness, comfort, and joy. After all, studying is no fun with no Chopin playing in the background—my all-time favorite study pal. Music provided me with a sense of comfort nobody else but my family could provide.

Alongside my continuing passion for music, I also developed a curiosity driven by interests in black holes and quasars in my early teenage years. I am proud to say that I have been accepted into the Astrophysics program at UC Berkeley and plan to work on space studies for the next four years. As I walk through the UC Berkeley campus with a STEM major, I plan to keep music strictly as a source of relief and comfort.”



Ramon Lopez

Ramon Lopez—MusicLink Senior Achievement Honors Award

Ramon Lopez began his music education with Nora Martin at the Grace Music Academy in Lawrenceville, GA when he was accepted as a MusicLink student at five years old. He participated in GCMTA events throughout his studies. In high school, Ramon was selected to perform for the 2023 GCMTA masterclass featuring a Mozart Sonata and a Bach Invention.

His teacher is proud of him because out of his group of peers and siblings, he is the only student who stayed committed to private lessons through his senior year and improving himself musically. “Without the help of MusicLink assisting with tuition, music and a very nice professional upright piano for free, his desire to study piano would not have been possible.” Ramon writes: Although I plan to major in mechanical engineering, I plan to minor in piano while continuing to perform in my church’s worship team and in senior homes. After exploring different genres of music and complex melodies for twelve years, I look forward to keeping my music endeavors alive as I pursue higher education. Discovering a passion for music at such a young age has made it an essential part of my life. I plan to further my studies in piano and grow more as a musician. Thank you, Nora Martin, so much for making my music experience so amazing. I truly had a great time playing the piano. You are the best teacher and friend. Thank you!

SENIOR GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Each year we feature MusicLink graduating seniors in the July issue of the eLINK. We are so proud of these young musicians who continue to seek out music as they enter young adulthood. This year there was a total of 14 high school stu-

dent graduates: Ariana Brown (MN), Mia Crocket (IN), Emily Fong (CA), Brandee Glynn (NE), Cathryn Hartman (TX), Charlie Stone Hill (MN), Pearl Jain (MN), Ramon Lopez (GA), Leondas Miller (MN), Dillon Muckataira (TX), Gavin Sims (TX), Emma T (WA), DeOndra Tandy (GA), and Lilith Trask (NH).

MUSICLINK® CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Headed to Music Camp We were pleased to help send MusicLink students to music camp this past summer. The MusicLink Summer Camp Scholarship program offers camp scholarships to any student who has taken lessons through the program for at least six months and has been accepted into a camp prior to applying for the scholarship of up to \$250. This year scholarships were given to 15 students who attended summer programs in Virginia, Illinois, Florida, Minnesota, Missouri, and North Carolina. These scholarships totaled \$3,130.



Thanks to All our Donors

The teachers, students, and coordinators appreciate all who support MusicLink in all different ways—from sending donations by check, online from the website, to participating in Playathons and enjoying studio Promise to Practice events. The MusicLink Foundation monitors every donation it receives and provides a running total on our website home page. The fiscal year (7/1/22–6/30/23) raised a total of \$90,198, a bit shy of our \$100,000 goal.

There was an increase in individual amounts from donors, with contributions of \$100 to \$500 or more totaling \$13,250, more than double last year's total. Major individual and organization support included \$2,500 from the Fairfax Loudoun Music Fellowship (VA), \$1,355 from the Muhlback family, \$1,000 each from Sanjit Mohapatra and Martha Smith (FL); \$800 from the St. Paul chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon (MN). Bimonthly donations of \$200 by Duet Partner totaled \$800 this year.

Foundation support included \$10,000 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (Oct. 2023), \$10,000 from the National Philanthropic Trust, \$3,000 from the Kanter Kallman Foundation, \$2,000 from the Matlin Foundation, \$2,000 from the Severude Family Charitable Fund, \$1,000 from the Booz Allen Hamilton and a recurring monthly donation of \$500 from the Rezendes Family Foundation totaling \$5,000.

The MusicLink Foundation received Benefactor donations of \$10,000 from Bill and Brigid Brakefield (VA) and William Haroutounian (VA). Rosemary Christoff Dolan contributed \$8,500 to the Gerald Christoff Endowment Fund and Joanne Haroutounian donated \$3,000 to the Bridge Endowment Fund.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR MUSICLINK®

California: A group of eight students at Del Norte High School in San Diego, California formed a jazz band that won a talent competition. They started playing gigs around town, but decided they did not want the money they were earning for

themselves. Instead, they wanted to pass down the gift of music performance to those less privileged. That is when they found the MusicLink Foundation and decided it would be the perfect steward of the funds they raised. The students incorporated the band into Poolside Jazz Non-Profit, obtained tax-exempt status, opened a bank account and made their first \$1,000 donation to MusicLink Foundation in October 2023. They hope to become an Alliance Partner to MusicLink Foundation and get their own website up and running soon.

Kansas: Ethan Wessley, a MusicLink cello student of Laura Martinez, took the initiative to organize a benefit concert featuring the Wichita East High School Ensemble Club. The concert raised \$1,000 for the MusicLink Foundation.

Virginia: The holiday season wouldn't be complete without The Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship Holiday Serenades Concert at the Dulles Town Center. This year holiday music was provided by students of eleven FLMF teachers.

Minnesota—Mall of America Playathon

The 2023 MusicLink Playathon took place in Macys Court at the Mall of America on the weekend of February 18th & 19th. Even though numbers were a bit lower with 150 performances this year, almost \$9,000 was raised to help children in need get the opportunity to have affordable lessons.

Many thanks to Sue Wege who organizes this event every year and to all the wonderful volunteers who worked the desk and emceed, including MMTA teachers Sara Diedrich, Solveig Englund, Kathryn Karg and Rachel Weyandt. Guest emcees included singer/songwriter, Michelle Rose, Miss Minnesota's Outstanding Teen, Elly Rowen and Rachel Luchsinger. The three top fundraising studios were Kathryn Karg (\$3,637), Sara Diedrich (\$970) and Kim Nichols (\$595). Twelve performers were gift card winners with donations of \$250 or more. Special thanks go to Kathryn & Andy Karg for livestreaming the event and to Gary Wege for his photography and support!

Minnesota—Headwaters Music and Arts

Playathon: Headwaters Music and Arts is a non-profit organization located in Bemidji, MN that provides instruction and other music and visual arts opportunities for the public in northern Minnesota. Carolyn Towler, a Headwaters teacher organized a playathon and gave this report: On August 13, 2023, students and staff performed at our County Fair on the Grand Stage! It was our first time there, and the performances were well-received by an enthusiastic audience. We hope to do that again sometime in the future! Together we raised nearly \$1,000 for the MusicLink Foundation!

Oregon: The Sanders Piano Studio held a Promise to Practice event, encouraging students to learn 114 Halloween pieces. Students created a construction paper chain to show their accomplishment and raised \$158 for the MusicLink Foundation.

OTHER FUNDRAISING EVENTS

If you or your organization would like to include a fundraising event for the MusicLink Foundation in the next few months, consider the following possibilities, described fully on the website www.fundmusiclink.com.

- Playathon or Benefit Concert—an event that brings music to the community and helps our kids. Ideas to get started are on the website.
- Promise to Practice—a private studio teacher or school organization can pledge a certain amount per hour of practice over several weeks. This is a novel way to encourage practice and help our kids as well. Details and practice grids are on the website.

WEBSITE SPOTLIGHTS

The MusicLink Foundation website features Student, Teacher, and Alumni Spotlights on its home page. When surfing the web, do click on these spotlights to learn more about the outstanding people that make the MusicLink Foundation so special. Current spotlights feature guitar student Neil Alognon-Anani, his teacher, Lorie Parmalee and alumnus Kai Frueh.



Neil Alognon-Anani



Lori Parmalee



Kai Frueh

CALLING ALL ALUMNI

The MusicLink Foundation has established an Alumni Group to reach out to over 1,400 alumni who are enjoying music in their lives thanks to their connection to MusicLink lessons. We invite our alumni to be part of our social media presence by submitting a short description of what they are doing now so we can share through our Alumni Spotlights on our website as well as in the eLink newsletter. If we gather enough articles, we plan to make a special *Then and Now* book of alumni. Alumnus David Kim is the chair of the MusicLink Alumni Group and is eager to hear about what is happening in the lives of our alumni through Facebook or our website: MusicLinkalumni@gmail.com.

GRASS ROOTS GRANTS and TEACHER REIMBURSEMENT

The Grass Roots Grant program assists alliance organizations and MusicLink teacher studios in providing up to \$500 for new programs or specific projects to expand MusicLink opportunities. This year the MusicLink Foundation provided \$4,738 to eight alliance partners and teachers in MN, LA, OR, VA, MD, and AK.

Baton Rouge Conservatory (LA) expanded scholarships offered per class as well as providing equipment and instruments for group classes. Hopewell Music Cooperative North (MN) used the grant funding to support a Spring session scholarship to a



student that covers tuition and a portion of instrument rental. The program provided recital opportunities as well as performances in the community.

The Atonement Lutheran School (WI) did not have any keyboards for MusicLink students to take home for practice. The grant provided funding for five keyboards thanks to the new MusicLink/Casio-Schmitt business partnership.

The Teacher Reimbursement Program provides up to \$200 reimbursement for any purchases of music, event fees, instrument repairs or other music expenses for their students each year. This year MusicLink provided a total of \$2,896 to 18 teachers representing AK, CA, CO, CT, IL, IN, MN, NC, OR, RI, TX, and WA.

INSTRUMENTS IN-KIND DONATIONS



Phoenix and Laura Sindair

This year the MusicLink Foundation received instrument and music donations in the amount of \$28,000. This does not include over \$25,000 in discounted and free music distributed directly to our MusicLink teachers through our business partners. These donated instruments are distributed to our students throughout the year. In-kind donations are italicized in our donor list in this report. Instrument donations can be made on both MusicLink Foundation websites www.musiclink-foundation.org, www.fundmusiclink.com.

NEW MUSICLINK® BUSINESS PARTNERS AND ALLIANCES



The MusicLink Foundation received the 2023 Great NonProfit badge, designating the organization as outstanding for the tenth year in a row. We

invite you to visit the Business Partner and Alliance Partner pages on our website to view the full roster of businesses and organizations supporting us across the country. We recognize the following added to the roster this past year:

Business Partners: GIA Publications; Piano Village Foundation; Piano Lab; TuneKey PRO; Read & Play Music, Casio.

Alliance Partners: Piano Lab (MN)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUSICLINK®—MANY OPTIONS

At this time of year, we ask our readers to support MusicLink's mission that "any child who has musical potential deserves the opportunity to nurture this talent to its full extent, creating musicians, one student at a time." You may choose to donate online through our website or send a check to our national office with the envelope enclosed in this annual report to those receiving it by mail. Other options below may appeal to you to personalize your donation. You can keep track of our donation process on the home page of our website during this giving season.

Memorial Donations: Many families choose the MusicLink Foundation as a worthwhile charity to honor a loved one. This year we received donations in memory of Bruce and Lois Muhlbach and Philip Bjorlo.

Recurring Donations are a simple way to contribute on a regular basis—monthly, bi-monthly or every six months. Online donations through Network for Good on our website provides this type of choice for interested donors.

The MusicLink Camp Sponsor Program is a wonderful way for donors to personalize their contributions of \$250 or more for a specific MusicLink student seeking a music camp experience. Simply designate your contribution as a camp sponsorship along with the name you would like to use for the scholarship. This program is especially worthwhile for larger contributions that can send an outstanding student to music camps whose fees easily surpass \$1,000. We will personally keep camp donors abreast of the progress of the students who will receive these scholarships. Simply email us at info@musiclinkfoundation.org for details.

Legacy Partners



The MusicLink Foundation is fortunate to have a group of donors that are part of our Legacy

Partners, donating from \$5,000 (Bravo) to \$10,000 or more (Encore) annually to guarantee ongoing funding to link teachers with students and provide lessons, instruments, camp scholarships, and other opportunities for students and teachers. You may wish to join this important group of donors to secure MusicLink for years to come.

We thank Bill and Brigid Brakefield (Encore Level) who were the first donors to the MusicLink Foundation when it was originally established as a 501 c3 charity. Bill and Brigid have hosted several playathons in their home where they performed along with MusicLink students and many of their friends.

William and Joanne Haroutounian (Encore Level) established and developed the MusicLink Foundation in 1992. They enjoy the Legacy Partner status and established an endowment fund in honor of Joanne's parents (Arline & Russell Bridge) to support the MusicLink Senior Achievement Award each year.

The MusicLink Foundation Board of Directors (Bravo Level) has pledged to support the MusicLink Foundation through the Legacy Partner program. The board includes Joanne Haroutounian, William Haroutounian, Sue Wege, Andrea Shore, Charles Kinney, Virginia Gutierrez, Nora Martin, and Kathryn Karg.

Endowment Funds

The MusicLink Foundation is fortunate to have donors who decided to establish an endowment fund in honor of a family member to foster ongoing musical training to disadvantaged students. The endowments are named for Arline and Russell Bridge, Gerold Christoff, and Dorothy B. and Mel Kurzen. These funds, totaling \$230,000 ensure senior scholarships, camp scholarships to prestigious summer music programs, and ongoing les-

sons for MusicLink students. Those interested in establishing an endowment fund should contact the national office: info@musiclinkfoundation.org.

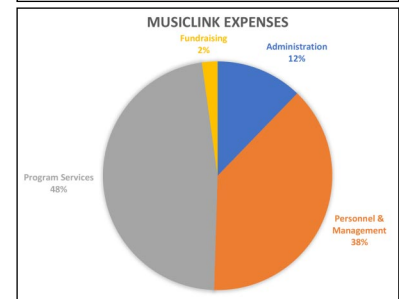
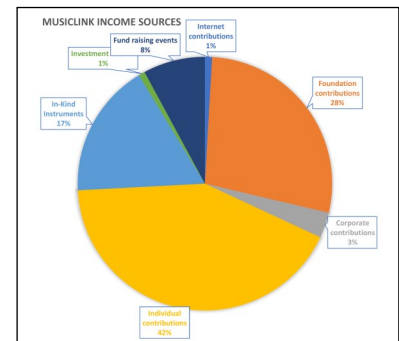


Planned Giving Ideas

We have received questions from donors regarding how to establish an estate plan that includes the MusicLink Foundation. Planned Giving (or legacy giving) gifts are payable to a charity upon the donor's death, like a bequest or a beneficiary designation in a life insurance policy or retirement account. These gifts do not generate a lifetime income tax deduction for the donor, but they are exempt from estate tax. Your bequest is a gift that you make through a will or trust that lets us know that you believe we will be doing good work, far into the future.

You can tell us to use your bequest for a particular state or program (like summer music camp scholarships) or allow us to use it for the needs and opportunities that are most relevant to us when your gift is received. The IRA Charitable Rollover allows individuals over age 70½ to directly transfer up to \$100,000 per year from an IRA account to one or more charities. This transfer counts toward the minimum required distribution rule for IRA accounts and such distributions are free of both income and estate taxes.

Legacy gifts can make a huge difference in the long-term health of a nonprofit. Legacy gifts are not just for the wealthy, they're for anyone who believes in our mission and who wants to see us continue into the future. *Consider leaving a legacy... so your cherished values live on.*



Administration
Accounting
Office supplies
Telephone/internet
Legal & Bank Fees
Insurance
Postage & Printing

Personnel & Management
Executive Director
Assistant Director
Director of Coordinators
Regional Coordinators (6)
Training

Program Services
Awards: Senior, Teacher Reimbursement
Camp Scholarships & Grass Roots
Instrument moving, repair, purchase
Communication & Newsletters
Conferences, Recruitment
Business Partner Plaques

Fundraising
Playathon rental & supplies
Totes, pins

MusicLink® Foundation Donor Support

We thank all our donors—foundations, corporate sponsors, and individuals—who share our passion to bring music to children in need. We have included donations from September 2022 through August 2023. *Italicized* individuals and business partners provided in-kind donations of instruments and/or music.

Benefactor: \$10,000 or more

Bill & Brigid Brakefield, Legacy Encore
William & Joanne Haroutounian, Legacy Encore
National Philanthropic Trust, Grant
(Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation donation 10/2023)

Gold: \$5,000–\$9,999

Rosemary Christoff Dolan, Gerald Christoff Endowment Fund

Silver: \$1,000–\$4,999

Sandra J. Baker
Booz Allen Hamilton
Joanne Haroutounian
Richard Mattlin
Neylan McBaine, Duet Partner
Sanjit Mahapatra
Dan Muhlbach, in memory of parents Bruce and Lois Muhlbach
and their love of music
Deborah Pollack, Kanter Kallman Foundation
Rezendes Family Foundation
Terry Rowe
Lailah and Allan: Severude, Grant from the Severude Family
Charitable Fund for use for scholarships for K&S Conservatory
Martha Smith

Bronze: \$250–\$999

Joanne Barrera
Elizabeth G. Blachly-Dyson
Braden C. Blanks
Chuck & Nancy Borg Sung Choe
James & Roberta DeWire William Dunne
Robert & Elizabeth Dyson
Susie Fong
Daniel Gatens, in memory of Thomas Gatens
Mitchell Grussing
Ginny Gutierrez
Laura Liu
J. Kenneth Marshall, in honor of Martha Smith
Grace Terpstra
Burnett Thompson, for jazz education
Angelica Vargas
Sue Wege
Jacqueline Yeomans

Sustainer: \$100–\$249

Renee Ask
Laura Brown, dedicated to Jax Flier Headwaters Music and Arts
Benjamin D. Caton, III
Shirley Chang, for teacher Martha Smith
Fernando Costanzo, dedicated to Thomas Yaremko
Day Violins
Jack & Nancy Ervin
Fred Friedberg, dedicated to Alex Eccles
Adam & Heather Green
Matthew Gurkovich
Marcia Haigh, dedicated to Reverend Robert L. Wood
Holly Hamilton
Tatyana Hearne
Jana Hollis, Julia Haynes Memorial Fund
Jaclyn Houghton, for Cori & Autumn Houghton
Lisa Hurwitz, dedicated to Grace Change
Diane Jagiello
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