MusicLink teachers and coordinators began the 08–09 fiscal year with a “Yes we can!” attitude. Now, more than ever, we see the need to work diligently to ensure that quality instruction and opportunities continue for our MusicLink students at this crucial time of economic challenge nationwide. We rely on the support of our business partners and continuing donors to bring instruments, music, and camp experiences to our students. We are continually amazed at the generosity of our MusicLink teachers who donate instruction and ongoing mentorship to our wonderful students. This annual report summarizes our accomplishments and recognizes the teachers, coordinators, and donors who make our mission possible.

The upcoming year faces challenges because we will no longer have the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation grant that was a large portion of our program funding. We welcome your donation, easily done through our website. We will keep you updated with our bi-monthly eLINK newsletters—be sure your email address is current. Feel free to forward newsletters to friends and family. Many thanks again for your support!

**Our Goal:** The MusicLink Foundation will reach 5,000 students by the end of 2010. MusicLink teachers will provide 750,000 hours of quality instruction, equivalent to $9.4 million of in-kind scholarship donation.

**TOTALS AS OF JULY 2009**

**2008–09 Milestones:** 3,500 students served; almost 250,000 hours of instruction, equivalent to $5.9 million scholarship donation.
The map shows the total of students served by MusicLink over the past 16 years. Stars (★) indicate states adding new students during the 07–08 fiscal year. Double stars (★★) indicate states that added over 30% more students this year.
MUSI CLINK SUPPORT

The MusicLink Foundation provided close to $4,000 in camp scholarships to 16 MusicLink students who attended camps in MN, WI, SD, PA, IL, and MA. One student notes his camp experience: “It is a great experience to learn music with other people who enjoy it as much as I do.”

The foundation provided $1,242 to reimburse teachers for student music or event fees and assisted the Walla Walla MTA through our Grass Roots Grant program. The foundation received over $9,800 of in-kind donation of instruments this year, which were distributed to MusicLink students as needed across the country. Our teachers received free music packets and discounts from most major publishers, as well as discounts on educational materials, software, and internet educational websites.

The MusicLink Foundation added eight new business partners to our roster this year. Our thanks to Audubon Strings, Downtown Piano Works, Metro Music Studios, Inc., Music Teacher’s Helper, Piano Movers Extraordinaire, Inc., Minn. Piano Tuner, Rice Music House, and La Grande Stereo and Music for providing a variety of donated materials, discounts, services, and performance opportunities for MusicLink students.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Alyssa Spooner of Crestline, CA received the MusicLink Senior Award of Excellence for 2009. The award of $1,000, made possible through the Arline and Russell Bridge Endowment Fund, recognizes a graduating high school senior who has attained an advanced level of performance, shows commitment in lessons, and has a personal goal of continuing musical training in college. Alyssa has taken MusicLink piano lessons with Noelle Tinturin for 10 years and recently began lessons with Jim McCormick. She received the MusicLink Alfred Talent Search Camp Scholarship in 2006, enjoying a summer at the Idyllwild Arts Academy. Alyssa’s interests serve the community by teaching piano lessons and playing worship music at local churches. She plans to continue piano studies at California State University, Fullerton while majoring in Pre-Med/Pre-Nursing.

Dulguun Khaltar of Arlington, VA received the Harry Kirkpatrick Achievement in Music Award. The award of $1,000 in memory of the brother of Martha Smith (MusicLink board member and teacher), recognizes a graduating high school senior from Virginia who has shown outstanding achievement through years of MusicLink study. Dulguun is a piano student of Jeannie Lowe and also excels in voice. She has been active in theater and musical activities at Wakefield High School, including leads in the school musicals. Dulguun also was selected to be in the Arlington County Arts Apprentice program. She will be attending Northern Virginia Community College majoring in music.

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Donor support for the MusicLink Foundation includes support from foundations, corporate donors, and individuals who share our passion to bring music to children in need. We thank the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation for their past four years of National level support totaling $275,000 and welcome the Webber Family Foundation, whose $35,000 grant will support our Washington, DC urban program next year. We also thank our in-kind donations of instruments and music from individuals which totaled close to $9,000.

**Benefactor: Over $10,000**
- Aline and Russell Bridge Endowment
- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
- Webber Family Foundation

**Gold: $5,000 – $9,999**
- Bill Brakefield
- MMTA Playathon

**Silver: $1,000 – $4,999**
- Dinitz Foundation
- Eastman Strings
- Joanne Haroutouanian
- William Haroutouanian
- Samuel Music Promise to Practice
- Martha Smith, Harry Kirkpatrick Scholarship
- Grace Tepstra, in honor of Grace Justice Millard
- Stuart Updike
- Louise P. Zanar Fund of The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region

**Bronze: $250 – $999**
- Community Preserv. & Dev.
- Lee Corey
- House of Weaver Violins
- Charles Kinney
- Jan and Elizabeth Lodal
- Beverly McGathery
- Ann Minor & Susan Swoots, MMTA scholarship in honor of Edward Minor
- Joel Pagliarello
- Randolph School Band and Choir
- Virtuoso Music Promise to Practice
- Sue Wege, in honor of Dr. Harold Wright
- Harold Wright

**Sustainer: $100 – $249**
- Jeanne Agee
- Anonymous in honor of Joanne Haroutouanian
- Ruth Berkowitz
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- City of Fairfax Commission on Arts
- Ruth Crumb
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- Albuquerque Conv. & Visitors Bureau
- American Legion Drum & Bugle Corps
- Renita Bentz
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- Marla Boley
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- Sarah Kuechle
- A. Peter Kurtz
- La Cueva Band
- Carl & Linda Lacko
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- Dayna Lightfoot
- Sun Hee Lim
- Jeanne Lowe
- Iain R. Mactaggart
- Virgil & Linda Mahlstadt
- Felicia Malloy
- Lucia May
- Lisa Mayone**
- Emily McLane
- Robin McLeod
- Kay Mehl
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- Sara Nelson
- Josie Newkirk
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