The teachers and coordinators of the MusicLink Foundation are very excited about our goal to reach 6,000 students by the end of 2014 and raise $60,000 in 60 days (Nov.–Dec. 2014) to show support for our mission to bring ongoing music lessons to children in need. A glance at the totals below and on our website homepage show just how close we are to celebrating our goal. It seems like just yesterday when we reached 5,000 students in 2012, our 20th anniversary year. We couldn’t make this type of progress without our hard-working coordinators and teachers and the support of our business partners and donors. We added 10 new state coordinators and 112 new teachers this past year. Our teachers donate in-kind instruction equivalent to $700,000 annually, with an overall total of almost $10.5 million donated to the program. They are the heart of MusicLink!

We are also making progress in extending invitations to prominent donors and businesses to become MusicLink Legacy Partners to secure and sustain our organization. We have set a goal of adding 6 new legacy partners this year to help us sustain our basic annual operations of $80,000–$100,000. Legacy Partners pledge support through annual donations from $5,000 (Bravo Tier) to $10,000 or more (Encore Tier). In return, these partners are recognized with logos and signage at MusicLink events and will be featured in our publicity and communications. We welcome inquiries about the program and invite you to click on MusicLink Legacy Partners on our website homepage for details.

We encourage those who only receive this annual report in the mail to provide your email address so you can receive our bimonthly eLINK newsletter to keep updated on MusicLink events. Subscribe through the website—click on “Read our Newsletter” from the homepage to stay informed throughout the year. Many thanks again for your ongoing support!

Louise P. Zanar Fund—A MusicLink Legacy Partner

The Louise P. Zanar Fund has provided ongoing funding to support the MusicLink Washington, DC Shining Stars program since 2009. We recognized them as a MusicLink Legacy Partner at their annual recital and fundraiser, that featured our MusicLink kids in action! The fund has donated at the Encore Tier of $10,000 for 2013–14 as well as the 2014–15 year. Our thanks to Elizabeth McGrail, Molly Daniels, and Rochelle Granat, the fund board members, and applause to Chris Sharp who is the teacher of our Shining Stars in DC. Elizabeth states, “The Louise P. Zanar Fund greatly values our partnership with MusicLink and its mission to bring the power of creative expression to children. We have been particularly impressed and grateful for the positive impact Chris and MusicLink have had on the students.”
The maps show the total of students served by MusicLink over the past 20 years. Stars (★) indicate states and provinces adding new students during the 13–14 fiscal year. Double stars (★★) indicate additions of over 20% more students this year.

Our Current MusicLink Teachers

Alaska: Freya Warlow-Bailey
Arkansas: Linda Dale Kennedy, Pam Wamer
California: Amy Bhathang, Tami Case, Myhr Cohensohn, Sue Field, Michael Hansworth, Jami Piper, Julia Telemos, Noela Timrvin
Colorado: Lisa Bruce, Gabrielle Dougan, Sandra Lumborg, Laura Rogers, Tina Vanam, Michelle Wootten
Connecticut: Julie Boris
Delaware: Karen Schenck
Illinois: Carita Farmer Hughes, Margarete Thomsen, Annetta Vander Lugt, Michelle Porter, Ben Prohaska, Mary Kay Rabasy, Liz Raihala, Carolyn Raininger, Rachel Ravenaugh, Richoich Richards, Karen Saunders, Linda Salme, Linda Jean Smith, Rebecca Smith, Carolyn Spargo, Laura Springer, Karen Stiles, Gena Swanson, Faith Swanson, Mary Swanson, Chen Sykies, Marcia Van, Kathleen Van Deven, Nancy Van Kampen, Tiffany Von Vesen, Arlene Wool, Anastasia Zabakly, Gretchen Wagner, Arlene Wool, Sue Wege, Mary Ann Weiss, Beth Wintersfeld, Jennifer Wohlgenuth
Mississippi: Jeanne Evans
Missouri: Joyce Bang, Sarah Cool, Karen Wahl
Montana: Carla Bell, Sharon Ortin
Nebraska: Daris Kieke, Lanie Super
New Mexico: Missor Kieke, Marjana Nottham
New Hampshire: Ursula Emond, Carol LeRoy, Cassandra Reid, Paul Rusak
New Jersey: Anna Krak
New York: Mary-Lynne Brown, Janet King, Audra Rhodes
North Carolina: Amy Gardner, Delina Heath, Chad Leflerman
North Dakota: James Adams, Ryan Albrado, Anthony Eddington, Victoria Hampl, Marjorie Johnson, Phoebe Kovey, Jason Locatelli, Christopher Rutherford, Jan Rudolph, Sandy Weisnanger
Ohio: Ohio Camp, Kris Schrady, Sarah Sallen
Oklahoma: Larry Baldwin, Kathleen Schlapf
Ontario: Mary Cumming, Valerie Langer
Oregon: Shirley Brandt, Sam Brugg, Goz Buchanan, Virginia Howrey Buhr, Linda Butler, Kate Campbell, Pauline Elshenfield, Dorothy Fehman, Dan Ham, Janet Harmon, Lara Jones, Wynter Mary Kogan, Jeanne Olson, Barbara Parker, Huang Phan, Oliver Paulo, Ruth Richard, Kathleen Rigby, Ruth Sartku, Beate Scrmit, Patty Widenen, Katherine Wilkinson, Crystal Zimmerman
Pennsylvania: Greg Hadas, William Marshall, Kathy Miller, Laura Williamson
Québec: Diane Bricot
 Rhode Island: Gemi Lajoie, Andy Rizzotti
South Carolina: Alcon Brawchuk, Deborah Ruth
South Dakota: Brenda Ruedebusch
Tennessee: Susan Naylor, Shirley Ann O’Connor, Ann Almond Pope
Texas: Shelly Davis, Sherry Frash
Utah: Tami Baud, Penn Eady, Kimberly Gamruco, Cheryl Norman, Janice Kapp Perry, Cheryl Pyke, Kathi Smur, Dennis Williams
Vermont: Linda Gaskin, Kelley Lyon, Peter Miller, Susan Nichols, Margaret Stephenson, Judy Vannese
Washington: Mary Foster, Linda Butler, Rebecca Cook, Nikkle Daniels, Heather Forbes, Joyce Hawkins, Barbara Heyck, Radha, Rebecca Hudson, Susan Huie, Emily James, Marion Kand, Jennifer Kargen, Marla Marcella, Brenda Pancoast, Elen Picket, Marla Sue, Julie Swamy, Phyllis Twight,-na Tyle, Vern Wright
Wisconsin: Asanath Dobratz, Evan Engledott, Cody Gottry, Jeanne Johnson, Annetta Kuchanowicz, Louise Mann, Sally Ritchie, Gina Skaile, Jonathan Thornton
Wyoming: Arlene Olson

Overall Teacher Total 2,216 (113 added this year); Hall of Fame Teachers (5 years or more); Teachers of Distinction (10 years or more)
SENIOR AWARDS: Christine Schwartz, a student of Beth Winterfeldt (MN) received the MusicLink Senior Award of Excellence, which recognizes a graduating senior who has shown outstanding musical progress and commitment through years of MusicLink lessons. The award of $1000 is provided by the Arline and Russell Bridge Endowment Fund. Christine has studied through MusicLink for the past six years, receiving high distinction in the MMTA’s Comprehensive Piano Exams as well as other state contests. Christine explains: “I have grown, matured, and been challenged through the discipline of music; I have also been comforted, encouraged, and inspired by its melodies. Being given the privilege of studying music by my parents and teachers has been incredible.” She will be attending Bethel University in St. Paul, MN, majoring in art and continuing her piano studies.

Marissa Teetson, a voice and piano student of Jeanne Evans (MS), was recognized with a MusicLink Foundation Achievement Honors Award of $500 from the Arline and Russell Bridge Endowment Fund for her progress in MusicLink lessons. Marissa seeks a career in nursing while continuing her musical training.

The Ruth Stenson MusicLink award of $1000 was awarded to Rachel Ginter, a graduating MusicLink piano student of Linda Jean Smith (MN). This award recognizes a senior from Minnesota who has shown outstanding achievement in musical training through MusicLink. Rachel has an appreciation for a wide range of music and enjoys writing music in her free time. “I know for a fact that I am blessed with this talent to play piano and I thank God for that. If it wasn’t for MusicLink, I would be a different person. I will never be able to thank you enough.” Rachel will attend MSU Moorhead, majoring in piano performance with a jazz and studio emphasis.

GIVING TUESDAY & BELMONT BENEFIT CONCERT

The MusicLink Foundation took part in Giving Tuesday on December 2, 2013, raising $8,500 spurred on by a matching grant of $5,000 by MusicLink Legacy Partners, Bill and Brigid Brakefield.

PLAYATHONS, BENEFITS, AND MORE RAISE FUNDS FOR MUSICLINK

As word spreads about how much fun it is to have a performance event for MusicLink, we can hear music in malls, recital halls, and music stores across the country! All of these different events helped raise $19,733 for the MusicLink Foundation. These funds will go towards networking for ongoing lessons, instrument repair and moving costs, camp scholarships, and reimbursements for event fees and music paid by MusicLink teachers.

IL: Illinois MusicLink Coordinator, Deborah Meier organized a Clavinova Festival at Piano Distributors in Fairview Heights that raised a total of $550. Our thanks to manager Steven Crawford who plans to make this an annual event at his store.

LA: Kathryn Tobey held a Benefit Recital in her studio in Dec. 2013 and raised $410 for the MusicLink Foundation.

MN: Once again our wonderful Minnesota MusicLink teachers and coordinators led the nation with a two-day Playathon at the Mall of America, their sixth, raising over $11,000—a new high. Over 300 students performed, adding 19 new teachers to the event. The event was organized by Sue Wege, MusicLink’s Director of Coordinators and Midwest Coordinator, along with a loyal team of volunteer teachers.

The event featured an encore appearance by Nicholas David, third place winner of the third season of The Voice as well as Kathryn Knuttila Karg, Miss Minnesota 2010. Thanks goes out to Schmitt Music for providing a beautiful Boston grand piano and to MMTA for helping with publicity and online registration.

MO: Our thanks to the Missouri Western University and Nathaneal May who raised $51 in a performance fundraiser.

NY/VT: Judy Vanesse, VT/NH Coordinator and former Northeast Regional Coordinator, organized a playathon at the Powerhouse Mall in West Lebanon, NH, which featured performances by 29 students and raised $345 for MusicLink.

NY: The Faust Harrison Piano store hosted a MusicLink fund-raiser in December that raised $670 for the MusicLink Foundation. Thanks to Patricia Cestaro, our NY MusicLink Coordinator for helping to organize this event.

VA: The state had a number of musical fund-raisers this past year. The Celebration Singers of Woodbridge collected $707.14 in contributions through their concert season. The Fairfax-Loudon Music Fellowship continued its annual holiday playathon at the Dulles Town Center, raising a whopping $2,500—a great event organized by Sandy Baker. The amount was doubled through the Giving Tuesday event. In May 2014 the annual MusicLink playathon at the Tysons Corner Center was extended to two days and featured 125 student performances representing 19 different studios. The students played on a Steinway B grand piano supplied by the Steinway Piano Gallery, as well as performances on violon, cello, viola, bassoon, flute, and voice. The two-day playathon raised $3,500 for MusicLink.

The executive director and assistant director tried a bit of a different twist for fund-raising. They enjoyed an evening of great rock and roll at the State Theater in Falls Church, VA, where several guitars were auctioned off that were signed by the bands that were performing. The auction raised $960—thanks to Leila Habib and Brennan Giuffre of the State Theater. Are you a rock and roll fan? Maybe a guitar raffle will be fun to do to help MusicLink in your community.

GRANT SUPPORT: The City of Fairfax Commission in the Arts continued their support with $1250 for our northern Virginia program. The Louise P. Zanar Foundation expanded their support to $10,000 and became a MusicLink Legacy Partner. The Weissberg Foundation provided $2,000 to the foundation as a memorial donation for Judith Sarah Morris.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS: The MusicLink Foundation provides the opportunity for students to attend the music camp of their choice. During the summer of 2014, the foundation provided scholarships for 19 students to attend camps across the country with scholarships totaling $4,490. Students attended local summer programs in AR, DC, IA, IL, MN, NH, NY, VT, and WA. Many students have enjoyed numerous summers of musical growth through these scholarship opportunities.

TEACHER REIMBURSEMENT & GRASS ROOTS GRANTS

The MusicLink Foundation provides reimbursement to teachers for student music and event fees. This year, 28 teachers from 16 different states asked for help, totaling $1,990 in reimbursement grants.

Our Grass Roots Grant programs assist new MusicLink programs or projects. This year the foundation provided $1,608 to the following organizations to promote state and local programs: MN: Minnesota Music Teachers Association; Maple Lake MN–Linda Jean Smith; WA: Walla Walla MTA; IL: Chicago–A Touch of Class.

BUSINESS PARTNERS: MusicLink relies heavily on business support at the community level. We welcome the following new business partners to our roster: AZ: Right Brain Music; FL: Creative Keys Inc.; IL: Piano Distributors; Evanston Band & Orchestra; MN: Scott’s Piano Shop; Multi-state: Piano Pronto.

INSTRUMENTS/IN-KIND DONATIONS

The MusicLink Foundation received over $21,340 of in-kind donations of instruments and music this year, not including over $25,000 in discounted and free music distributed directly to MusicLink teachers through our Business Partner discount program. Their names are italicized in our donor list in the Annual Report.

Several events brought in multiple instruments and music to the foundation—A Community Clean Sweep event in PA brought instruments and music work over $4000 and an eagle scout project organized by Andrew Julkowski of Richfield, MN, that contributed $1,915 worth of instruments and $665 in funds to MusicLink.
MusicLink Foundation Donor Support 2013-2014

We thank all of our donors—foundations, corporate sponsors, and individuals who share our passion to bring music to children in need. We have included donations from September 2013 to September 2014. Italicized individuals and business partners provided in-kind donations of instruments and music. MusicLink Legacy Partners: E = Encore Tier ($10,000+), B = Bravo Tier ($5,000–$9,999) annual donations.

MusicLink Legacy Partners
Bill & Brigid Brakefield - E
Louise P. Zanar Fund - E
MusicLink Board of Directors - B

Benefactor: $10,000 or more
Louise P. Zanar Grant
Bill & Brigid Brakefield
MN MusicLink Plaython
Arden & Russell Bridge Endowment

Gold: $5,000 – $9,999
Federal Masonic Lodge 1 & MESH Charities
William & Joanne Haroutounian
MusicLink Board of Directors
Phil MacDonald

Silver: $1,000 – $4,999
Celebration Singers
City of Fairfax Foundation
Fairfax Loudon Music Fellowship
Hungry for Music
Kanter Family Foundation
Courtney Morris/Weinberg Foundation in memory of Judith Morris
Joanne Rhines
Martha Smith
Joel Ingram
VA MusicLink Plaython

Bronze: $250 – $999
Joyce Berg
Jason Blackowak
Tina Blackowak
Wanda Chang
Gretchen Davis
Daniele Donohue
Alice Edelman
Gerry Gutierrez
Sherry Hildreth
II. Clavirous Festival
Michael Jones
Andy Katz
Charles Kinney
Annie Lei
Brenda Martin
Beverly McGarvey

Sustainer: $100 – $249
Jeannine Agee
Hope Armstrong Erb
Heidi Bundy
John Cassara
Stella Chang
Edwin & Rosaline Domenech
Fennes Music Co.
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Michael Santomero dedicated to Carmen Merrill
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Kathleen Theisen
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Edhamee Trewey
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Friend: $30 – $99
Helena Almberg
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Rachel Bittner
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Elizabeth Cooper
Martin Cuellar
Melissa Dress
William Dunn
Charles Farneske
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Joo Young Lee
Sarah Lockwood
Anne Lucco
Peter Mainetti
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Melissa Marnin
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Brenda Martin
Mary McCrossan
Scott Mc Kick
Lisa Moens
Deborah Meier
Deborah Mitchell
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Shirley Marios
Robert Moran
MMU Fundraiser
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Friend: $300 – $999
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Sharon Olens
Dane Peretti in memory of Kenneth Cook
Tamm Phan
Lawrence Rachport dedicated to Eric Heywood
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Elizabeth Rodriguez
Robert Schlauch
Judith Schoepflin
Eric Sila
Elian Silverman
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Vincent Yomah
George Young
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Mary Young
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