



Any child who has musical potential deserves the opportunity to nurture this talent to its full extent.

Who we are: The MusicLink Foundation is a non-profit organization located in Arlington Virginia with a nineteen year program history of developing the talents of promising students in financial need across the country. Quite simply, our mission is *to create musicians, one student at a time*. We reach students who show musical potential and interest, but who easily fall into the cracks because of the lack of adequate school music programs, inability to pay for lessons, and the absence of teachers who can provide training near their homes or schools. We are able to do this by partnering with qualified teachers willing to reduce their normal rate by at least half to offer this opportunity to children who might not otherwise have it.

Our MusicLink professional teachers have provided over 300,000 hours of instruction to over 4,500 students in 37 states, equivalent to \$7.2 million of in-kind service to the program. We have set a goal to reach 5,000 students in all 50 states by the end of 2012, our twentieth anniversary year.

The beauty of the program is its simplicity – simply link a student with a teacher and watch potential grow. MusicLink can provide \$5,000 worth of services for every \$1,000 donated because of our in-kind contributions of instruction, instruments, and materials.

Our teachers and parents have witnessed the impact musical training makes on at-risk youth in our MusicLink programs. Students engaged in musical activities fill after-school time with practice, rehearsals and lessons. Students build a healthy work ethic of self-discipline, problem solving, and time management that generalizes to achievement in school.

Our unique mission emphasizes long-term instruction that builds a bond between teacher and student that provides positive mentorship as well as musical instruction. The MusicLink Foundation continually guides student musical progress with ongoing training, provision of instruments, and performance opportunities to build self-esteem and applaud potential. This guidance and assistance is the first step toward a college scholarship or employment in the music business.

To learn more about the MusicLink program, visit our website at: www.musiclinkfoundation.org
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