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### **Our Mission:**

Any child who has musical potential deserves the opportunity to nurture this talent to its full extent. Many children, however, lack the chance to receive specialized music instruction because of financial need. The MusicLink Foundation links these students with caring professional music teachers who guide the development of skills, self-expression, and confidence for as long as the child wishes to learn. The MusicLink Foundation's network of coordinators, teachers, and business partners is the vital link for *creating musicians, one student at time.*

### **Our History:**

MusicLink began in 1992 as a program of the Virginia Music Teachers Association, seeking a way to offer private instruction to a wider spectrum of students, specifically reaching out to students who normally could not afford lessons. MusicLink initially worked with schools in the DC metropolitan area. After six successful years spreading the program throughout Virginia, it expanded to the national level in 1998 through support from the Music Teachers National Association Foundation. In September 2001, the program was restructured into the MusicLink Foundation to provide more freedom to seek funding for the specific needs of the program and expand possibilities beyond a single professional music organization. It has continuously expanded through effective coordinator networking with professional music organizations, colleges, businesses, schools, and community youth and music programs.