

# annual REPORT

of the MusicLink Foundation  
Fall 2011



**W**e are so close to our MusicLink 5000 goal and so proud of our caring MusicLink teachers and terrific MusicLink kids! Meet Marianne Yuan, our 4,500th MusicLink student, linked with Sherry Frush of TX during the summer. Sherry is a MusicLink Teacher of Distinction, having taught over 75 MusicLink students over the past 13 years. Sherry personifies the dedication of our MusicLink teachers, who provide ongoing musical training for years to students who cannot afford lessons.



Sherry Frush and Marianne Yuan,  
student number 4,500

We want to celebrate our 20th Anniversary by reaching **5,000 students and having active MusicLink programs in all 50 states**. Our individual contributors are the major funding source for instruments, music, and camp opportunities as well as the vital network that links teachers and students. Our mission to bring the joy of music lessons to students is needed, more than ever, during these difficult economic times. Thank you so much for your ongoing support. We face the year with

minimal grant support, so we need our generous donors to make donations earlier in the year, possibly in response to this Annual Report, with our thanks.

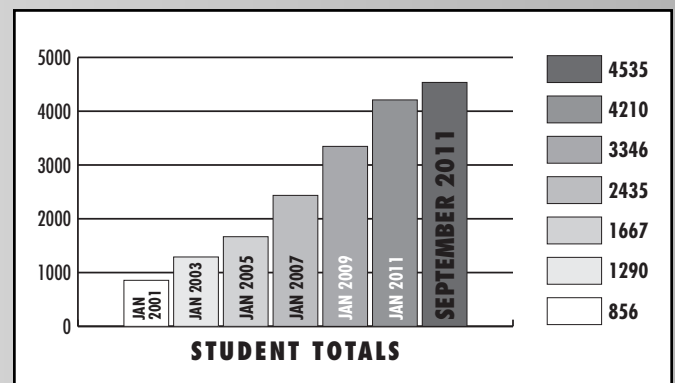
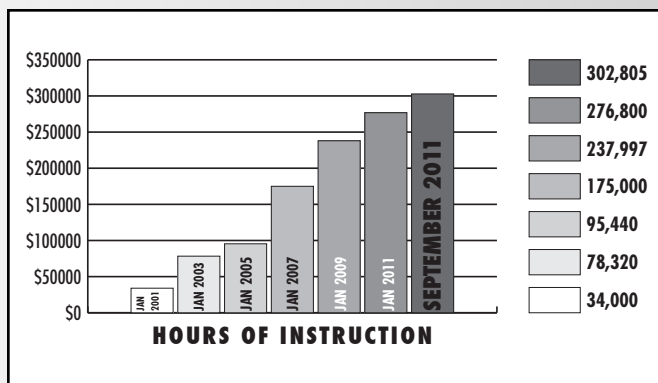
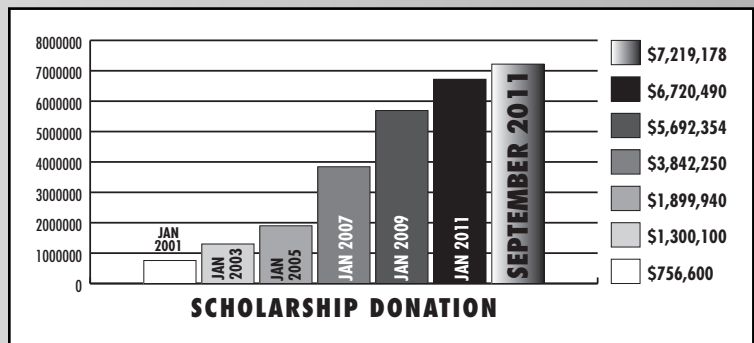
We are so pleased to see the idea of *MusicLink Playathons* taking off across the country as people enjoy a day of music-making while helping our kids. These events can be in a private home with friends on up to a public multi-day event at a shopping mall. Simply gather pledges, perform, and share music with others! Check the website homepage for details—or contact Sue Wege (swege71@comcast.net).

Our bimonthly *eLINK* newsletter provides updates on MusicLink activities and accomplishments. You can subscribe through the website—click on “Read our Newsletter” from the homepage. We encourage our donors to stay informed about MusicLink throughout the year. Many thanks again for your ongoing support!

**20th ANNIVERSARY GOAL—REACH 5,000 STUDENTS:** The MusicLink Foundation will reach 5,000 students by the end of 2012. MusicLink teachers will provide 325,000 hours of instruction, equivalent to \$8 million of in-kind scholarship donation.

## TOTALS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2011

**2011 Milestones: 4,500 students** served; over **300,000** hours of instruction, equivalent to **\$7.2 million** of in-kind scholarship donation.





## MusicLink Accomplishments 2010–2011

**NEW STATES:** We welcome **New Hampshire** and **Mississippi** onto our active MusicLink map—each with a single teacher and single student making a difference in their state. We are working hard to encourage teachers in Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, Rhode Island, West Virginia, and Wyoming to register students they may already be teaching on partial scholarship—at least one teacher + one deserving student in every state = our MusicLink goal.



Our first NH student, Ian Soderberg, student of Carleen Graff, plays a donated piano moved by Skip Downing of Bywater Piano Service

**CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS:** The MusicLink Foundation provides the opportunity for students to attend the music camp of their choice through our camp scholarship program. This year we sent 21 students to camps across the country with scholarships totaling \$4,560. Students attended local summer programs in Minneapolis MN and DeRidder LA as well as the following summer programs: MN: Un. of MN Bravo String and Keyboard Institute; WI: UW Madison Summer Music Clinic; GA & OR: Atlanta Suzuki Institute and Oregon Suzuki Institute; IA: Preucil School of Music Chamber Music Camp; NJ: Westminster Choir College Vocal Institute; SD: South Dakota State University All State Music Camp.

**TEACHER REIMBURSEMENT & GRASS ROOTS GRANTS:** The MusicLink Foundation provides reimbursement to teachers for student music and event fees. This year 18 teachers from 13 different states asked for help, totaling \$1,660 in reimbursement grants.

Our Grass Roots Grant program assists new MusicLink programs or projects. This year the foundation provided \$3,500 to the following organizations to promote state and local programs: MN: Minnesota Music Teachers Association—MusicLink Program; GA: Sage School; NY: Music School at Dutchess Community College—MusicLink Program; GA: Grace Piano Academy; MN: Franklin Music Magnet MusicLink Program; DC: Washington DC MusicLink Program; FL: Suzuki Strings of Southern Florida.

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**BUSINESS PARTNERS:** MusicLink relies heavily on business support at the community level. We welcome the following new business partners to our roster this year: **DC:** Hungry for Music. **CA:** Guitar Center, Inc., Westlake Village; New Songs School of Music, Sacramento. **FL:** Creative Keys, Inc., Dunedin. **NH:** Handmademusic, Inc., Manchester; Bywater Piano Service, Lebanon. **NJ:** Ed Sueta Music Publications, Inc., Rockaway. **RI:** Rizzotti Studio of Music, Providence. **VT:** Frederick Johnson Pianos, Inc., White River Junction; Advance Music Center/Musicraft, Burlington & Waitsfield; GuitarSam, Montpelier.

**INSTRUMENTS/IN-KIND DONATIONS:** We received over \$19,578 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. We thank the many people who donated instruments to local programs and special thanks to Hal Leonard Publishers for providing over \$4,600 worth of new sheet music for our students.

**GRANT SUPPORT:** MusicLink received a \$10,000 grant from the *Philip L. Graham Fund* to assist with instruments and support to reach our MusicLink 5000 goal in the metropolitan DC area. The *Louise Zonar Fund* provided \$4,000 in funding for our DC “Shining Stars” program, providing private lessons to underprivileged students. The *City of Fairfax Commission in the Arts* provided \$1,250 to support our Northern Virginia program.

## PHILIP L. GRAHAM FUND

**BENEFIT RECITALS:** Our thanks to the *IBIS Chamber Music Society* and the Admiral Richard C. Byrd Masonic Foundation and Federal Lodge No. 1 for presenting a benefit recital at the Belmont Mansion in Washington DC which raised \$3,000 for the MusicLink Foundation. We also thank individual teachers and local organizations that provided MusicLink benefit recitals this year.

#### MUSICLINK PLAYATHONS:

The 2010–11 year saw a growth in Playathon events to support our students, with a grand total of \$23,540 in contributions to the MusicLink Foundation. The Minnesota MTA and Schmitt Music sponsored an event at the Mall of America, raising \$10,575. Three events were held in Virginia—one sponsored by the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association and Steinway Gallery, raising \$2,000, a holiday mall recital by students of the Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship raising \$845, and an in-home Playathon held by Bill and Brigid Brakefield of Arlington, VA, which raised \$10,030. Our thanks to everyone who participated in these events—we know it is a win-win situation, and lots of fun!



MusicLink students, Eneeril Enkhtavian and Purev Arlanbaatar enjoy a playathon at the home of Bill and Brigid Brakefield.

**PROMISE TO PRACTICE:** Teachers and college student organizations used our unique “practicing” event with pledges per hour raising funds for MusicLink. Any teacher can inspire students to practice to prepare for that upcoming festival or recital through this event. Our thanks to the Western Illinois student MTA chapter who pledged to do the event each year prior to the holiday break—with one week of practice making a difference to our kids.

# MusicLink Foundation Donor Support

We thank all of our donors—foundations, corporate sponsors, and individuals who share our passion to bring music to children in need during the 2010–11 fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. *Italicized individuals and business partners provided in-kind donations of instruments and music.*

## **Benefactor: Over \$10,000**

Arline and Russell Bridge Endowment Fund  
Philip Graham Fund  
Brakefield Playathon  
Minnesota MTA Playathon

## **Gold: \$5,000 – \$9,999**

Bill and Brigid Brakefield

## **Silver: \$1,000 – \$4,999**

Judith Arkuszewski  
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## **Bronze: \$250 – \$999**

Tabitha Bradley  
DeLone Rae & William Brakefield  
Santina Brynsvold  
Beth Chapman  
Charitybuzz  
Jane Coates in honor of Martha Smith  
Perry Coffield  
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Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship  
Playathon  
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Jennifer Miller  
*Keith Newhouse*  
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Laura Riski  
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## **Friend: \$30 – \$99**

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Benjamin Caton  
Lihong Cao  
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