# REPORT of the MusicLink Foundation Fall 2012

We did it!In March 2012 we accomplished our twentieth anniversary goal by reaching 5000 students through MusicLink, thanks to conscientious recruitment efforts by our wonderful MusicLink coordinators. Linda Dorsey (GA) signed up student 5000 at the MTNA New York convention. We are also determined to add those last few states (3 to go!) to bring all 50 states into the program. We have even reached beyond our borders to see MusicLink youngsters taking lessons in 4 provinces of Canada.

We see a steady rise of interest in MusicLink Playathons in many states, with "kids helping kids" by gathering pledges and performing in shopping malls, sharing music with the community and helping bring music lessons to students in need. It is a win-win event with students of all ages enjoying these special performances for the public. If you would like to bring a Playathon to your community, check our homepage for details or contact Sue Wege (swege71@comcast.net).

The MusicLink Foundation prides itself on its grass roots efforts to use every resource to help our students and teachers. MusicLink relies on the ongoing support of individual contributors who care about seeing children thrive through music lessons. We thank those who met our summer challenge to raise \$27,000 by



Joanne Haroutounian and Linda Dorsey

September 15th to secure funding for the first quarter of the year.

Our ongoing donors are the major funding source for instruments, music, and camp opportunities as well as the vital network that links teachers and students. We face the year with minimal grant sup-

port and lots of kids joining our programs, so we ask our donors to respond to this Annual Report, with our thanks for your ongoing support.

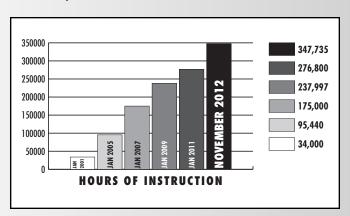
Please donate at www.musiclinkfoundation.org or send checks to MusicLink Foundation, 1043 N. McKinley Rd., Arlington VA. 22205. We encourage you to provide your email address so you can receive our bimonthly eLINK newsletter to keep updated on MusicLink events. You can subscribe through the website—click 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!

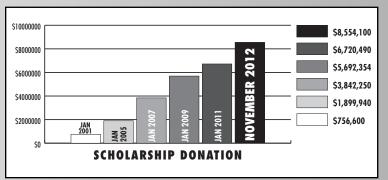
### 20th ANNIVERSARY GOAL—WE DID IT!

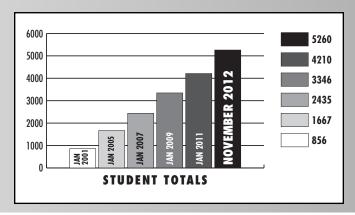
The MusicLink Foundation will reach 5,000 students by the end of 2012. MusicLink teachers will provide 325,000 hours of instruction, equivalent to \$8 million of in-kind scholarship donation.

### **TOTALS AS OF NOVEMBER 2012**

**5,260 students** served; over **347,000** hours of instruction, equivalent to **\$8.5** million of in-kind scholarship donation.

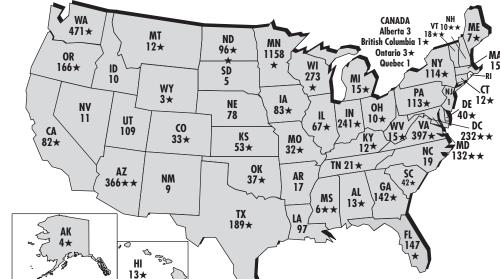






# MusicLink national chain of links

The map shows the total of students served by MusicLink over the past 20 years. Stars (\*) indicate states adding new students during the 11-12 fiscal year. Double stars (★★) indicate states that added over 20% more students this year.



### MN=over 1000 students!



MusicLink teachers Sue Wege and Sue Krebsbach at Minnesota Playathon

## OUR CURRENT MusicLink TEACHERS

OVERALL TEACHER TOTAL 1,963 (200 added this year); Hall of Fame Teachers (5 years or more); **Teachers of Distinction** (10 years or more)

Alberta: Leanne Dillman Alaska: Linda Green

Alabama: Diana Pettit, Misti Short

Arizona: Homero Ceron, Gail Fischler, Anna Gendler, B. Malchus, Elena Miraztchiyska, Nancy O'Brien, Nancy Ostromencki, Chiew Hwa Poon, Ed Reid, Dieter Schodde, J. Stevens, Mutsuko Tatman, Alexandar Tentser California: Mehry Cohenzad, Rachel Dirksen, Celine Gietzen, Sharon Halverson, Michael Hemsworth, Salina

Sumner, Noelle Tinturin

Colorado: Lisa Busch, Mika Inouye, Kristina Lambert, Erin Life, Sharon Neufeld, Michele Wooten Connecticut: Sharon Girard, Vera Kushner, Roxane Lee, Elizabeth Maerz, Rebecca Squire

Delaware: loan (raft

District of Columbia: Nancy Breth, Christopher Sharp

Florida: Tanya Brooks, Tarra Guerra, Wendy Karabensh, Tina Raimondi, Connie Swett

Georgia: Robin Blakenship, Linda Dorsey, Rochelle Garman, Anna Herrington, Nora Martin, Kathy Stanley,

Hawaii: Glenn Nagatoshi, Dennise Ontiveros-Fraga

Iowa: Sr. Mary Hauber, Linda Judiesch, Holly Kukkonen, Lucinda Lear, Pamela Weest-Carrasco

Idaho: Colleen Hunter

Illinois: Phyllis Calderon, Lisa Chodorowski, Ching-yun Huang, Jennifer Leckie, Beatriz Levi, Susan Lipnick, Marcia Mally, Deborah Meier, Christy Nielsen, Patti Nyien, Janice Wilkans

Indiana: Nancy Felger, Candace Henkler, Lynelle Vogel Kansas: Ryan Elliott, Natalie Wickham Kentucky: Elizabeth Hickerson, Cheri Simpson

Louisiana: Robin Ebeyer Maine: Diana Foster

Maryland: Carole Gauthier, Christopher Sharp, Mary Tamplin

Massachusetts: Lani Bortfeld, Michelle Gordon

Michigan: Margarete Thomsen

Minnesota: Monica Allen, Diane Alveshere, Carolyn Axt, Karen Becker, *Shirley Berkner*, Patsy Bode, Ruth Borash, Jeffrey Brueske, Melody Bruffey, Marianne Bryan, Jaette Carpenter, Chris Chelgren, Sonja Clive, Anna Coyne, *David DeGennaro, Sara Diedrich*, Mary Duncan, Kate Ekberg, Elizabeth Ericksen, Anna Jeanne Flesner, Lynn Foster, Shawn Foster, Meg Freischel, *Annie Froelich*, Christie Gergen, Sr. Dominica Gerszewski, Maria Grant, Charlotte Grantier, Mitchell Grussing, Mary Hale, Danielle Hance, Heidi Hansen, Marilyn Henry, *David Holmes*, Deanna Holst, Lydia Holsten, Sr. Gretchen Johnston, Teresa Kelly, Barbara Kinnick, John Krebsbach, Sue Krebsbach, Suzanne Lane, Sylvia Lange, Kris Latcham, Mary Jo Leier, Kirsten Levorson, Randall Martens, Margaret Maxwell, Lucia May, Rochelle Mazze, La Rae Mills, Karen Mord, Lois Muelich, Susan Munson, Betsy Murray, Sally Nelson, Cindy Nelson-Quesada, Norbert Nielubowski, Jacqueline Okoh, Kris Olson, Mark Perez, Rennae Petersen, Kathleen Philipp, Helen Marie Plourde, Michelle Porter, Derrick Raiter, Carolyn Reisinger, Audrey Savig, Linda Seime, Rick Sellen, Gina Skule, Linda Jean Smith, Rebecca Smith, Marion Soule, Carolyn Spargo, Elizabeth Stavrou, Karen Stiles, Gene Swanson, Solveig Swanson, Faith Swenson, Mary Swenson, Cheri Sykes, Marcia Vahl, Kathleen Van Doeren, *Nancy Van Kampen,* Arlene Veith, *Anastasia Verdoljak,* Gretchen Wagner, Arlene Wallin, Sue Wege, Jeffrey Willkomm, Beth Winterfeldt, Barbara Wocken, Kathleen Younker, Heidi Zimmermann, Judy Zylstra

Mississippi: Jeanne Evans

Missouri: Robin Anderson, David Holmes Montana: Brenna Hyvonen, Sherlon Orth North Carolina: Catherine Charlton

North Dakota: Carole Flatau. Arlene Grav. Dan Italiano. Mariorie Johnson, Priscilla Keoah, Beth Klingenstein.

Preston Laib, Anne Morris, Cheryl Rostad, Sandy Weisenberger

Nevada: Marvin Mings, Margie Nuttall **New Hampshire:** Susan Downing, Dr. Carleen Graff, Cindy Truman

**New Mexico:** Mary-Lynn Brown, Sharon Jensen, Richard Lohmann

**New York:** Rachel Beard, Mary Gray, W. John Knight, Chris Losee, Darron McNutt, Beverly Poyerd, Heeja Questad, Janet Salt, **Tamara Slobodkin**, Amethyst Stark, Jean Vilkelis, Nettie West, *Dennis Yerry* 

Ohio: Sam McCoy Oklahoma: Katharine Schelp

Ontario: Mary Cumming, Alison Rogers, Beth Tadeson

Oregon: Linda Barker, Diana Beterbide, Jodie Bischof, Virginia Hawley Buhn, Pauline Eidemiller, Dorothy Fahlman, Jill Foster, Laura Jauregui Wynter, Eileen Knox, Carol Mathew, Fern McArthur, Jan Miller, Gay Otey, Barbara Parker, Davina Perret, Ruth Richard, Ruth Sadilek, **Dona Schmitt,** Eularee Smith

Pennsylvania: Kathleen Herber, Gilya Hodos, Kathleen Krouse, Kathy Miller, Laura Williamson

Quebec: Dinne Briscoe Rhode Island: Gerri Lajoie

South Carolina: Carol Rhodes, Deborah Ruth South Dakota: Brenda Ruedebusch

Tennessee: Susan Hailey, Shirley Ann O'Connor, Ann Almond Pope

Texas: Dorla Aparicio, Sherry Frush, Darlene Hanington, Sara Miller, Diane Morrow, Jenny Walls, Jeff Wille **Utah:** Tami Baird, **Jenean Christensen**, Carla Cleavinger, *Penni Eads*, Valerie Evensen, Kimberly Gumucio, Cheryl Norman, Janice Perry, Katherine Rosenvall, **Kathi Sittner**, Denise Williams

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**Ryan,** Ronit Seter, Phyllis Vickers, Joyce Wright

Vermont: Lisa Goodrich, Kelley Lyon, Peter Miller, Susan Nicholas, Judy Vanesse

Washington: Genevieve Allen, Linda Butler, Heather Forbes, Martha Garrett, Mary Foster Grant, Kari Hasbrouck, Joyce Hawkins, Irena Kirova, Peter Mack, Jennifer Morgan, Marina Munter, Dianne Nichols, Brandy Pancoast, Ellen Pickell, Diane Quick, Anna Rapagnani, Julia Swienty, Phyllis Twedt, Ilene Tyler, Verna Wagner, Jee Wong

**Wisconsin:** Bess Berg, Stacey Binder, Melanie de Jesus, Asenath Dobratz, Bonnie Greene, Ezelda Hasapopoulos, Paul Hastil, Alex Kalfayan, Annella Kochanowski, Jeongmin Lee, Louise Mann, Laura Mericle, Ka Man Ng, Louka Patenaude, Sally Ritchie, Shannon Whaples, MyungJin Yang

West Virginia: Scott Beard Wyoming: Ruth Henderson

### MusicLink Accomplishments 2011–2012

**SENIOR AWARDS:** The MusicLink Foundation provided awards to 5 outstanding graduating high school seniors this year. The \$1000 *Senior Award of Excellence* went to **Joshua Millings,** an exceptional pianist who has taken MusicLink lessons with Tamara Slobodkin of Setauket NY for the past 11 years. Joshua current-





Joshua Millings

gs Cassie Schwartz

ly attends MIT majoring in mechanical engineering. Several Honor Awards of \$500 were awarded to seniors showing excellence in training—**Laura Tobey**, a piano and voice student of Sherry Frush of Abilene TX and **Sarah Grace Barham**, a piano student of Rosita Kerr Mang of Alexandria VA. These MusicLink awards were made possible through the Bridge Endowment Fund.

The Ruth Stenson MusicLink Award of \$1000 was given to Cassie Schwartz, a MusicLink piano student of Beth Winterfeldt of St. Peter Minnesota. Cassie currently attends Concordia College in Moorhead MN. Purev Arslanbaatar, of Alexandria VA received the \$1000 Harry D. Kirkpatrick Scholarship, sponsored by Martha Smith, MusicLink board member and teacher. Purev studied voice with Angela Winter and piano with Leanna Xanthos-McQueen. He is now attending George Mason University in Fairfax VA.



Purev Arslanbaatar

**LOTS OF NEW STATES:** Thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of our regional coordinators, we added 9 states to the active list this year—Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, New Mexico, Rhode Island, West Virginia and Wyoming. We thank those new teachers who signed up students they were teaching on partial scholarship to put their state on the map. Now we are looking for teachers in New Jersey, Nebraska, and Arkansas!

PLAYATHONS GALORE and MORE: MusicLink Playathons sprouted up across the country, with a grand total of \$16,450 contributed through these events to help bring music lessons to promising students in need. Deb Meier, Illinois MusicLink coordinator organized a Clavinova Festival that raised \$533. A playathon in Saint Joseph MO organized by Nathaneal May brought in \$175. Judy Vanesse, MusicLink NE Coordinator pooled Vermont and New Hampshire resources in a playathon that raised \$1,691. Virginia MusicLink had several playathons: The Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship raised \$1,000 and the Northern Virginia Music Teachers

### **MusicLink Foundation Staff and Coordinators**

Joanne Haroutounian, PhD, Executive Director Bronwyn Towle, Assistant Director

### **Regional Coordinators**

Northwest: Eileen Knox Midwest: Sue Wege South Central: Sue Wege Northeast: Judy Vanesse Mid-Atlantic: Wendy Jones Canada: Glory St. Germain

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Chairman: Joanne Haroutounian VA
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André Waits, concert pianist Verdine White, bass guitarist Earth Wind & Fire Doug Schmitt, Schmitt Music Carolyn Callahan, PhD, UVA National Research Center for the Gifted Julie Romeo TX Association raised \$2,426. Sue Wege, Director of Regional Coordinators, continues to amaze us in organizing the Minnesota MusicLink Playathon at the Mall of America that raised \$10,813.

We have seen an outpouring of *Promise to Practice* events from college students in practice rooms at Western Illinois University contributing \$592 to independent teacher studios, and even a single student in New York, Ariana Peterson, who practiced extra hard to raise over \$100 all by herself to help our MusicLink kids.

**20th ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER:** We held an online fundraiser from August to September to help raise \$20,000 by mid September to establish firm footing financially for the first quarter of the 2012–13 fiscal year. We have included the donors of this funding in our annual report. Our thanks to the matching donation of \$10,000 by **Bill and Brigid Brakefield** that spurred contributions as well as the generous donation of \$5,500 by the **Weissberg Foundation,** located in Arlington VA.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS: The MusicLink Headed to Wusic Camp Foundation provides the opportunity for students to attend the music camp of their choice. Our anniversary year saw a banner amount of scholarships—32 students sent to camps across the country with scholarships totaling \$5,252.50. Students attended local summer programs in VA, WI, NH, CO and LA as well as the Un. of MN Bravo String and Keyboard Institute; UW Madison Summer Music Clinic; South Dakota State University All State Music Camp; Un. Southern Utah Piano Clinic.

**TEACHER REIMBURSEMENT & GRASS ROOTS GRANTS:** The MusicLink Foundation provides reimbursement to teachers for student music and event fees. This year, 13 teachers from 8 different states asked for help, totaling \$1,155 in reimbursement grants.

Our *Grass Roots Grant* programs assist new MusicLink programs or projects. This year the foundation provided \$1,350 to the following organizations to promote state and local programs: MN: Minnesota Music Teachers Association—MusicLink Program; DC: Washington DC MusicLink Program; FL: Suzuki Strings of Southern Florida; GA: Suzuki Institute of Augusta.

BUSINESS PARTNERS: MusicLink relies heavily on business support at the community level. We welcome the following new business partners to our roster this year: CT: Olympic Piano Movers, North Haven; Norm's Piano Service, Manchester. ME: Mid-Town Music, Biddeford; Starbird Music Shoppe, Guitar Center, Johnstone Stringed Instrument Repair, Portland; NH: Blue Mountain Guitar Center, W. Lebanon; Guitar Center, Nashua; Allegro Piano Movers, Nashua; Earcraft Music, Dover; Bear Hollow Vintage Guitars, Lebanon. NJ: Vienna Piano Co., Hackettstown; Guitar Center, Cherry Hill. RI: Beekman Violins, Peace Dale; Robert's Musical Instruments, W. Warwick. VT: Be Music, Lucy Allen Piano Service, Rutland; Melody Hill Farm, Danville; Ruth Richards Piano Service, Cabot; David Gaillard Piano Tuning, Hardwick; Green Mountain Piano Movers, Barre; Ellis Music Co., Bethel; Hilbert Pianos, Bristol; Canada: Ultimate Music Theory, Music for Young Children.

**INSTRUMENTS/IN KIND DONATIONS:** The MusicLink Foundation received over \$13,800 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.

**GRANT SUPPORT:** The *Louise P. Zanar Fund* of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region provided \$7000 in funding for our DC "Shining Stars" program, providing private lessons to underprivileged students. The *City of Fairfax Commission in the Arts* continued their support with \$1250 for our northern Virginia program.

# MusicLink Foundation Donor Support 2011-2012

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 through September 2012 to recognize those who contributed to our 20th Anniversary summer fund-raising online event. Italicized individuals and business partners provided in-kind donations of instruments and music.

Benefactor: Over \$10,000

Bill Brakefield

Arline & Russell Bridge Endowment

Gold: \$5,000 - \$9,999

Marvin Weissberg Foundation Louise P. Zanar Grant

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