

annual

REPORT

of the MusicLink® Foundation
Fall 2019



MUSICLINK® GOAL FOR 2020—7500 STUDENTS

The MusicLink® Foundation is continually seeking new goals to reach more students and to serve our MusicLink® “family” of teachers, coordinators, students and businesses with growing opportunities and recognition. We are confident we will reach an overall total of 7500 students in 2020—only 137 students to go! Remember, each student represents a significant link with a teacher that can last for many years, developing potential into talent with each lesson.

What is the impact of MusicLink® ongoing lessons for disadvantaged students as they

grow through music? The article, *MusicLink® and its 25 Year Legacy* in the November e-issue of *American Music Teacher* tells the story of young adults who are alumni of MusicLink®. The interviews of teachers, students, and parents in this research study paint a clear picture of the significance MusicLink® made in the lives of these promising young adults. A link to the article is on our website—About Us—Research.

We are seeking to reach \$100,000 in donations in our annual 2019 fund-raising campaign. Funds raised help secure instruments, camp scholarships, music and event fees for our MusicLink® students. Simply log into www.musiclinkfoundation.org and click on DONATE or send a check to MusicLink® Foundation, 1043 N. McKinley Rd., Arlington VA 22205. Many thanks!

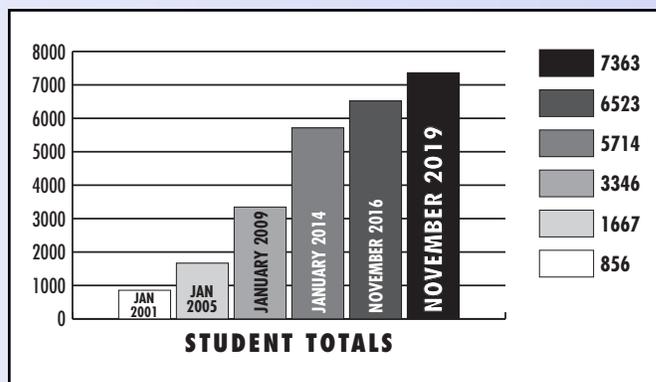
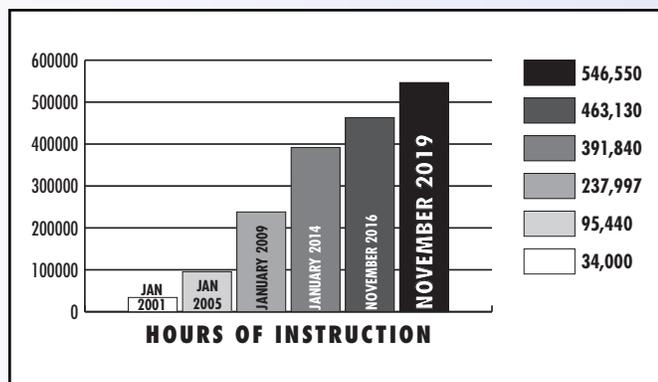
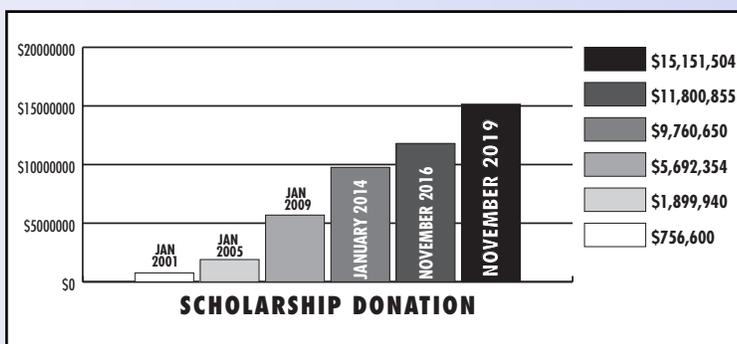
Enjoy this issue of our Annual Report, with stories of outstanding students, caring teachers, and lots of events which bring music to the community.

MUSICLINK® CANADA CONNECTIONS

After several months of looking into the possible complications of expanding MusicLink® into Canada, the MusicLink® Foundation Board decided that we should discontinue the Canada expansion. There were many legal and insurance issues as well as difficulties in duty of instruments for Canadian students that would impact our program. All of the Canadian teachers have been informed of the change and we encourage them to develop a similar program within their country, establishing their own non-profit charitable organization. We thank them all for their interest in reaching disadvantaged children through music.

MUSICLINK® FOUNDATION STATUS REPORT

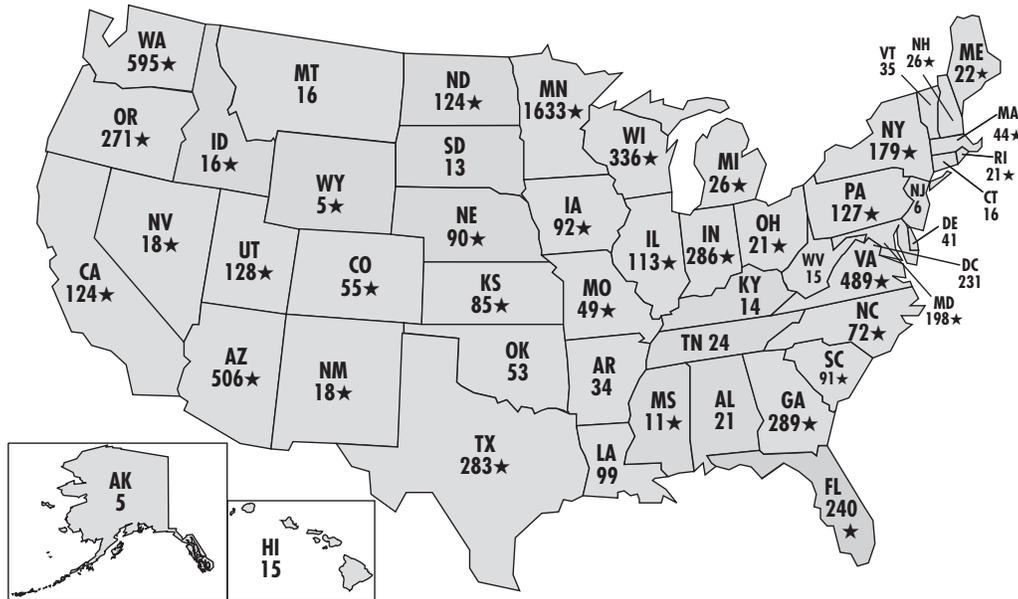
As of November 1, 2019, the MusicLink® Foundation has reached **7363 students**; over **546,000** hours of instruction, equivalent to over **\$15 million** of in-kind scholarship donation.



MusicLink®

Students by State

The maps show the total of students served by MusicLink® over the past 27 years. Stars (★) indicate states adding new students during the 2018–2019 fiscal year.



OUR CURRENT MusicLink® TEACHERS

Overall Teacher Total: 3,511. Teachers Added This Year: 446. Active Teachers as of 11-01-2019: 296. Hall of Fame Teachers (5–9 years); Teachers of Distinction (10–14 years); Teachers of Distinction with Honors (15–19 years); Teacher Laureate (20+ years).

Arizona: Lynette Barney, **Solveig Englund**, Karen Magruder

California: Nancy Arnold, Amy Bhatnagar, Kristen Riter, Sandra Sattler-Laverty, Dr. Maureen Spranza, Melody Schwartz, Emma Thompson, **Noelle Tinturin**

Colorado: Andrea Coyle, **Gabrielle Dugan**, **Mika K. Inouye**, Alexandra Kagan, Patty Mack, Ben Raznick, **Laura Rogers**, Kevin Sakai, Henry Spencer

Connecticut: **Lani Bortfeld**

Florida: Lisa Barwell, Alexis Buss, Crystal Bujol, Chai Chien, Mysti Dye, Jamie Fenton, **Tarra Guerra**, Joan Haar, Anthony Laudato, Sarah Robertson, Stephanie Selph, Laura Wilcox

Georgia: Gayle Bates, Rebekah Boles, **Deborah Brady**, Jorja Davis, **Mary Dekkers**, Robin Engleman, Natalie Haney, Taylor Helms, Debra Hughes, Leslie Kennedy, Marguerite Lane, **Nora Martin**, Christine Morrow, Dana Rice, Dr. Judith Siegel, Lois Simon

Idaho: **Loretta Germer**

Iowa: **Nancy Cree**, Regina Noel Downing, **Linda Judiesch**, **Holly Kukkonen**

Illinois: Karen Brockman, **Phyllis Calderon**, Carolyn Catalano, Sarah Gasse, **Marcia Mally**, **Deborah Meier**, **Judy Zylstra**

Indiana: Nancy Spahr, Sarah Sponseller, **Lynelle Vogel**

Kansas: **Leonetta Chaves-Bibby**, Laura Martinez, Judith Naillon, Emily Quiles, Zachary Seckman

Maine: **Rose Erwin**, Jacqueline Savage

Maryland: Sylvie Beaudoin, Holly Hamilton

Massachusetts: Kenya Esteve, **Michelle Gordon**, Kallin Johnson, Chiuying Lu, Rita Rotondo, Dave White

Michigan: Diana Munch, **Margarete Thomsen**, **Annetta Vander Lugt**

Minnesota: **Diane Alvshere**, **Ruth Borash**, **Jean Bostrom**, Zachary Briscoe, Andre Bronson, **Jaette Carpenter**, **Debra Chenoweth**, Sharon Currie, Isabel Dammann, Brian De Young, **Peggy Denler**, Pat Dymacek, **Anna Jeanne Flesner**, **Ellie Fregni, Sr.**

Dominica Gerszewski, **Maria Grant**, **Mitchell Grussing**, **Mary Hale**, Becca Hauglid, Kay Hawkins, Grace Heatherington-Tilka, Marilyn

Henry, Ashley Hodapp, Franco Holder, Wendy Johnson, Stacy Julson, **Sue Krebsbach**, Suzanne Lamatsch, **Sylvia Lange**, **Caroline Langfeld**, Dr. Sara Langmead, Monica Larson, **Mary Jo Leier**, Ellie Leimer, **Kirsten Leverson**, Kristine Loe, Rachel Lonetti, Rachel Malone, Diana Mills, **Susan Munson**, **Betsy Murray**, Emily Nelson, Kimberley Nichols, Bruce Nolden, Tamir Nolley, **Beverly Olson**, Caroline Povolny, **Mary Kaye Rabaey**, Sue Ruby, **Karen Saunders**, Mary Saviano, Sandra Sheih, **Rebecca Smith**, **Laura Springer**, Karen Stiles, Rik Svien, **Gene Swanson**, Stephanie Tesch, Emily Valine, **Kathleen Van Doeren**, **Nancy Van Kampen**, Natalie VanBurkleo-Carbonara, **Arlene Wallin**, Rachel Weyandt

Missouri: Helen Haynes, Elizabeth Karako

Nebraska: Rebecca Bogardus, **Lori Supernaw**

Nevada: Kerri Dahl, Patrick Worley

New Hampshire: Jennifer McBain, **Cassandra (Reed) Pepler**, Ellen Schwindt

New Mexico: Gabriela da Silva Fogo, Jeanne Grealish, Sally Melodia

New York: Gio Andallo, Lisa Bastien, Daniel Fogel, Robert Gerardi, Jeremy Christian Julio Laureta, Paul Kirby, Johanna Kosak, Zoe Levy Serrano, Christine Pulliam Melamed, Christina Sahloff, **Tamara Slobodkin**, Anna Upston, **Jean Vilkelis**, **Julie Wegener**, Hendry Wijaya

North Carolina: Jenniffer Campbell, Leaphart Chaney, Sheila Dacus, Will Dean, Tomeka Michael Pham, Caitlin Sexton

North Dakota: **Priscilla Keogh**, Sister Bernadette Trecker, **Sandy Weisenberger**

Ohio: Jon Sanford

Oklahoma: **Katharine Schelp**, Jennifer Walschop

Oregon: Rebekah Carter, **Pauline Eidemiller**, Suzanne Gaye, Tamara Gebhardt, Mary Ann Guenther, Carolee Harbour, Irene Huang, **Marjorie Janove**, **Laura Elena Jauregui Wynter**, Dr. Jeannine Jordan, **Alma Marianos**, Deborah Nava, Hyeoung Pak, **Oliver Paida**, Janet Pollack, **Carol Ratzlaf**, Erin Ratzlaf, **Ruth Richard**, **Kathryn Rigall**, **Ruth Sadilek**, Debra Sostrin, Nancy Stone, Mary Swanson, Terry Taylor, Susan Todd, Amy Vanacore, **Patti Widener**, Elizabeth Willis,

Penelope Wolff, Anne Young

Pennsylvania: Janet Maass Fitz

Rhode Island: Melody Ann Albanese-Kelly, Victor Mansella, **Andy Rizzotti**

South Carolina: Deb Kithianis, Lee Ann Alexander, Camille Edwards, Meghan Poole, **Deborah Ruth**

Tennessee: Sigrid Luther, Bryony Stroud-Watson

Texas: Takenya Battle, **Sherry Frush**, Corine Garcia, Doris May, Joseph Popke, Jose Quesada, Beatrice Stanley, Sharla Van Cleave

Utah: Rebecca Udy, **Denise Williams**

Vermont: **Linda Galvan**, Barbara Smith, **Judy Vanesse**

Virginia: **Claire Allen**, **Anne Beamer**, Dave Belazis, Meredith Buchanan, Xi Chen, **Greg Genter**, **Harriett Gilchrist**, Chloe Green, Jaime Guitz, Savannah Hatcher, **Tatyana Hearne**, Andrew Horowitz, **Cori Lee Khambatta**, Louise Lee, **Marjorie Lee**, Irene Light, **Diane Perett**, **Christopher Sharp**, Joseph Taglieri, Nam Hee Won, **LeeAnna Xanthos-McQueen**

Washington: Jessica Andrews, Stephanie Berman, Barbara Borries, Janea Christensen, GraceAnn Cummings, Ondine De Mer, **Karla Dudley**, **Joyce Hawkins**, **Rebecca Hedman**, Tiffany Hoecherl, Dianne Johnston, Pat Kilmer, Karin McCullough, **Karen Monroe**, Junhee Oh, **Brandy Pancoast**, **Ellen Pickell**, Svitlana Smaga, Amanda Snell, **Phyllis Twardt**, **Ilene Tyler**, **Verna Wagner**, Angela Wentz

Wisconsin: Valorie Brecht, Laurie Bridwell-BoeDee, Cindy Duszynski, **Barbara Erickson**, Dr Kayme Henkel, **Joanna Johnson**, **Sally Ritchie**, Sandra Statz, Jennifer Wilkinson, Theresa Wilkinson

Wyoming: Paul Dunlevy

Our thanks to the following Canadian teachers who we worked with through MusicLink®.

Alberta: Nathene Arthur, Michele Tamtom; **British Columbia:** Colleen Branson, Heather Koss-Huisman, Dolores Scott; **Manitoba:** Glory St. Germain; **Ontario:** Soah Lu, Sheila McGugan; **Quebec:** Diane Briscoe; **Saskatchewan:** Yan Hei Yiu

MUSICLINK® HALL OF FAME



Sherry Frush

Each year we recognize the dedication and generosity of MusicLink® teachers who reach out to deserving students over many years of instruction. This year there were 22 teachers who reached our Hall of Fame category (5–9 years). Three teachers, Miika Inouye (CO), Chris Sharp (VA), and Tanya Brooks (FL) reached our Teacher of Distinction category (10–14 years). The two teachers who reached the Teacher of Distinction with Honors category (15–19 years) were Leonetta Chavez-Bibby (KS) and Denise Williams (UT).

We were pleased to welcome Sherry Frush to the highest level of recognition, Teacher Laureate, celebrating 20 years of teaching through MusicLink®. Sherry has taught over 50 years and has a thriving studio with over 100 students. Sherry's students have won competitions from local to national levels and many were MusicLink® students. She received a crystal plaque from MusicLink® to celebrate this teaching achievement.

SENIOR AWARDS

The MusicLink® Foundation Senior Award of Excellence recognizes a graduating senior who has shown ongoing commitment to lessons and has made significant progress in musical studies, performing at an outstanding level. The \$1000 award is made possible through the Arline and Russell Bridge Endowment Fund. This year the foundation also presented a MusicLink® Achievement Honors Award of \$500 for outstanding achievement in lessons, also made possible through the Arline and Russell Bridge Endowment Fund.

Ashley Ondoua—MusicLink® Senior Award of Excellence



Ashley Ondoua

Ashley Ondoua (VA), a student of Nancy Breth (VA-DC), found many opportunities in the US upon emigrating from her native Cameroon where she showed early promise on the piano. She also studied voice with Peggy McNulty (VA). She was active in many competitions in the DC area and attended music camps thanks to MusicLink® camp scholarships. In 2017, she had the privilege of premiering a work by Alexander Peskanov in the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. She currently attends Lawrence University in Appleton, WI.

“My adolescence and my future have been

enriched by my two homes. My music achievement stands as a witness of my engagement, willingness and ability to work hard and consistently. I am looking forward to using my Cameroonian roots, American growth, African story and perception to contribute in creating wonderful music with other students and faculty at Lawrence University.”

Eaaron Pye—MusicLink® Achievement Honors



Eaaron Pye

Eaaron Pye (TX) began lessons at the age of four with Sherry Frush. Born with perfect pitch, Eaaron relays the story of losing his hearing from an ear infection at three years old. After surgery, hearing returned, but it reminds him of the importance of music in his life—making him what he is today. His remarkable ear helped him in composing throughout his musical years in school. He began trumpet in junior high and enjoys performing with friends in the school band. He enjoyed several summers at music camps thanks to the MusicLink® Camp Scholarship program.

“Music has given me friends and rich experiences both in school and in private study. I've been able to compete, perform in concerts, play in advanced groups, attend state conventions, and perform at local to state events. After I graduate, I would like to write musical scores for movies and other media.”

Elliot Fobbe—Ruth Stenson MusicLink® Award



Elliot Fobbe with Helen Marie Plourde and Sue Wege

Elliot Fobbe received the 2019 Ruth Stenson MusicLink® Award as a graduating senior from Minnesota who shows outstanding achievement in musical training. Elliot is a piano student of Helen Marie Plourde, who describes him as an enthusiastic learner who arrived prepared and eager to study all aspects of music. Elliot accompanied many elementary and high school programs and was a member of his chorus and participated in school musicals. He performed four times in the MusicLink® Playathon at the Mall of America and he attended a 6-week summer program at NYU through the MusicLink® camp scholarship program.

Elliot is attending UW-Madison majoring in Chemical Engineering while continuing his interest in music through elective coursework. “I do not play the piano for the glory

or to outshine others. I play because classical music is deeply rooted within me.”

Ketura Bremseth—Ruth Stenson MusicLink® Achievement Award



Ketura with Kathleen Van Doeren and Sue Wege

Ketura Bremseth, a piano student of Kathleen Van Doeren, has been a MusicLink® student for 4 years during which time she has passed levels 1–4 theory exams and 1–5 piano exams through the Minnesota Music Teachers Association Syllabus program. Ketura is one of six siblings, all of who began playing the piano around the age of four. She is attending college with a major in music. “Not only has learning piano brought much joy into my life, but it has taught me many valuable life skills. It is much more than an activity to me. It is part of who I am.”

SENIOR GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Each year, the June issue of the eLINK features our MusicLink® graduating seniors. It is always a joy to see these young musicians continue to grow and seek music as they enter young adulthood. This year there was a total of 13 student graduates from IL, MN, NC, TX, WA, and WI. Their writeups are available through our website, under the News Archives.

MUSICLINK® AT CONVENTIONS



William and Joanne Haroutounian

The MusicLink® Foundation had booths at the Spokane MTNA convention in March and the CFMTA convention in Winnipeg in July. It is always a pleasure to share ideas with colleagues who seek ways to reach disadvantaged students through music. National Director of Coordinators, Sue Wege, Executive Director Joanne Haroutounian, and Washington State MusicLink® Coordinator Karen Monroemanned the Spokane booth. Joanne Haroutounian shared the MusicLink® booth with William Haroutounian in Winnipeg.

EVENTS RAISE OVER \$31,000 FOR MUSICLINK®

IL: The Illinois Clavinova Festival was held on December 8th at Laceyfield Music in South County, St. Louis. The event featured performances by 49 students from the studios of LeAnn Halvorson, Gillian Cerbin,



2018 Clavinova Festival Participants from Holy Cross Lutheran School in Collinsville, IL with teacher Deborah Meier.

Deborah Meier, John Nuckols, Gayle Kramer, Greg Bueltmann, Lori Scott, and Connor Joyce. A total of \$1,150 was collected from pledges to benefit MusicLink® students in Illinois. They plan to continue the event next year, collaborating with the Gateway Arch East Music Teachers Association. Our thanks to Illinois MusicLink® Coordinator, Deborah Meier for organizing the event.

MD: The Epiphany Lutheran Church in Ellicott City held a benefit Christmas concert on November 4, 2018 featuring soprano Agne G (Giedraityte). The successful concert raised \$1,804 in ticket sales and contributions for the Agne G. Music Scholarship Fund to assist MusicLink® students in the area.



MARAMTS Donation to MusicLink

MD: The Mid-Atlantic Regional Association for Music Therapy Students (MARAMTS) is a student-run organization

which connects college students with peers studying music therapy. MARAMTS Give Back chose the MusicLink® Foundation as a recipient of funds raised through different events. The results of these fund-raising efforts brought a total of \$1,519.42 to the MusicLink® Foundation.

MN: The MusicLink® Foundation was honored to be chosen again by the Tri-M Music Honors Society to be the beneficiary of its Sounds of Hope benefit concert on March 21st at the Math and Science Academy in Woodbury MN. Tri-M president Anna Li, Thomas Nelson, and Katie Yapp organized the event working with band director, Jerry Shelton. The event raised \$1,335.73 for the MusicLink® Foundation.



Natalie Lane performs at the MN Playathon

MN: The 11th annual MusicLink® Playathon took place at the Mall of America on the weekend of February 9-10. Despite a snowstorm arriving mid-point, the weekend was a success with 250 performances by students and teachers and a total of \$9,700 in contributions to the MusicLink® Foundation. The top fundraising studio was Kathryn Kargs, whose students raised \$1,603 with the studios of Kim

Nichols (\$1,030) and Marianne Bryan (\$656) coming in second and third place.

Students who raised over \$100 were pictured in our June eLink, with those raising \$250 receiving tote bags and a \$50 gift card. Sue Wege, MusicLink® National Director of Coordinators, organized the event with the help of MMTA teachers, parents and volunteers. Special thanks goes to Doug Rohde for coordinating the Popular Styles Hour.

MN: Pedaling for Pianos brought 30 bikers together at the St. Paul Cathedral on the morning of September 14, 2019 to bike a 10-mile route around St. Paul to raise money for the MusicLink® Foundation. The bikers enjoyed musical performances along the way by various local musicians, including the Dolce Cello Quartet. Eric Bell, Kathryn Karg and Rachel Luchsinger organized the event, which raised \$625 to purchase practice keyboards for Minnesota students.

NY: This year's annual MusicLink® fundraiser was held at the Walt Whitman Shop Mall. A rainy May weekend brought a great turn out, raising \$2045 for the MusicLink® Foundation. The Faust Harrison Piano store delivered a grand piano and sound system. Performers included pianists, singers, a classical guitarist, sax player and a mandolin player, adding a variety of music all weekend. The Northport High School sent several string ensembles to perform original compositions they wrote in composition class. Thanks to Pat Cestaro for organizing the event, working with Don and Debbie Sherman, Nichole Heid, and high school students from three different school districts.

VA: Members of the Manassas Symphony Orchestra participated in a recital performance on November 17, 2018 at the historic Trinity Episcopal Church in Old Town Manassas. Performances included works by Telemann, Chopin, Debussy, and more. Donations to support the MusicLink® Foundation were accepted both at the door and online, raising \$830.

VA: The teachers and students of the Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship enjoyed another successful MusicLink® event at Holiday Music in Dulles Town Center in Sterling. The Piano Company of Leesburg provided a beautiful piano for their use. The festive event raised \$2000 in contributions to the MusicLink® Foundation.



Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship at the Holiday Music in Dulles Town Center event.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AND CAMP SPONSOR PROGRAM

The MusicLink® Foundation *Headed to Music Camp* provides the opportunity for students to enjoy camp experiences that foster sharing music with others and often inspire them to continue their studies. During the summer of 2019, the foundation provided scholarships to 50 students totaling \$6,220. Students enjoyed summer experiences located in CO, GA, NC, OR, SC, TX, VA AND WI.



This year Jesse and Lih Nieman of Portland OR, students of Pauline Eidemiller, received the \$1000 Dorothy B. and Mel Kurzen Camp Scholarship. They attended the PDX Orchestra Academy in both piano and violin.

The MusicLink® Camp Sponsor Program is a wonderful way for donors to personalize their contributions of \$250 or more for a specific MusicLink® student seeking a music camp experience. Simply designate your contribution as a camp sponsorship along with the name you would like to use for the scholarship. This program is especially worthwhile for larger contributions that can send an outstanding student to music camps whose fees easily surpass \$1000. We will personally keep camp donors abreast of the students who will use these scholarships. Simply email us at info@musiclinkfoundation.org for details.

TEACHER REIMBURSEMENTS AND GRASS ROOTS GRANTS

The MusicLink® Foundation provides reimbursement for teachers for student music and event fees. Reimbursements are distributed in January and in June. This year, teacher reimbursements totaled \$1,913.70 sent to 20 teachers representing AR, CA, FL, IA, IL, MN, NC, ND, NE, NY, OK, OR, and VT.

Our Grass Roots Grant program assists new MusicLink® programs or projects. This year the foundation awarded grants totaling \$2,400 to Minnesota Music Teachers Association, Hopewell Music Cooperative North, Big Dreams Residency, Saving Grace Music School, Ezekial Ministry, and Rachel Lonetti.

INSTRUMENTS/IN-KIND DONATIONS



Lauren Priestley Thanks to Jordan Kitts Music

This year, the MusicLink® Foundation has received \$13,352 of in-kind donations of instruments and music, not including over \$25,000 in discounted and free music distributed directly to our MusicLink® teachers through our business partners. In-kind donations are italicized in our donor list in this report. Instrument donations can be made on the MusicLink® Foundation website or on www.fundmusiclink.com.

NEW MUSICLINK® BUSINESS PARTNERS AND ALLIANCE PARTNERS

We invite you to visit the Business Partner and Alliance Partner pages on our website to view the full roster of businesses and organizations supporting us across the country. We recognize the following added to the roster this past year: Blessings Academy of Arts and Music (MN), Brigham Larson Pianos (UT), Greater Austin Music Academy (TX), Lacefield Music (MO), The Oakland Symphony (CA), Piano Safari (National).

MEMORIAL FUNDS

 We are honored to be chosen as a worthwhile charitable organization for donations in honor of loved ones who have passed away. The foundation can work with anyone interested in establishing a MusicLink® Legacy Estate Bequest. We also honor those MusicLink® teachers who have passed away this year. Over the past year, we have honored the following individuals:

Larry Baldwin: Larry's passion in life was teaching his love of music through voice and piano to many students that came not only to love music, but the man who was teaching them as well. Larry was active in the Lawton OK Music Teachers Association as well as music organizations at the state and national levels. He became a MusicLink® teacher in 2001, realizing the importance of providing voice lessons to disadvantaged students. He was recognized as Teacher of the Month on the MusicLink® Foundation website in December 2014. We shall miss him and his devotion to helping others.



John Keating

John Keating: John was a musician for his entire adult life. He sang and played his guitar with a natural talent that made every other musician in the family quietly jealous. While his main career was in the banking sector and later retrained in the field of medical massage therapy, he sang and played guitar almost every day since teenage years. A memorial fund in honor of John Keating totals \$1000 in contributions to the MusicLink® Foundation.

Lawrence Chalifoux: Lawrence was the beloved husband of Melissa Wreath and loving son of the late George "Bud" and Mary Kay Chalifoux. Larry was an accomplished musician and avid Cubs fan. He will be missed by his family and many loving friends. A memorial fund in honor of Lawrence Chalifoux has contributed \$425 to the MusicLink® Foundation.

MUSICLINK® ENDOWMENT FUNDS TOTAL \$120,000



Dorothy and Mel Kurzen

The MusicLink® Foundation received several significant donations to establish endowment funds for the organization. We were overwhelmed to receive \$100,000 from the estate of Dorothy Bornstein Kurzen, with recognition of her late husband, Mel Kurzen included in the gift. Funds from this endowment established the annual Dorothy B. and Mel Kurzen Camp Scholarship of \$1000 for a student seeking a summer experience at a prestigious music camp.



Gerald Christoff

The MusicLink® Foundation has also established an endowment in the name of Gerald Christoff, composer and pianist, to benefit music students in New York state with camp scholarships. The endowment is made possible by the contribution of \$10,000 by Rosemary Christoff Dolan, sister of Mr. Christoff.

These new endowment funds are added to the existing Arline and Russell Bridge Endowment Fund that sponsors the annual MusicLink® Senior Achievement Award. This endowment was established by Joanne Haroutounian, daughter of the Bridges and founder of the MusicLink® Foundation.

LEGACY PARTNERS



The MusicLink® Foundation is fortunate to have a group of donors who are part of our Legacy Partners, donating from \$5000 (Bravo) to \$10,000 or more (Encore) annually to guarantee ongoing funding to link teachers with students and provide lessons, instruments, camp scholarships, and other opportunities for students and teachers.

We thank Bill and Brigid Brakefield (Encore Level) who were the first donors to the MusicLink® Foundation when it was originally established as a 501(c)(3) charity. Bill and Brigid have hosted several playathons in their home where they performed along with MusicLink® students and many of their friends.

William and Joanne Haroutounian (Encore Level) established and developed the MusicLink® Foundation in 1992. They enjoy the Legacy Partner status and also established an endowment fund in honor of Joanne's parents to support the MusicLink® Senior Achievement Award each year.

PLANNED GIVING IDEAS



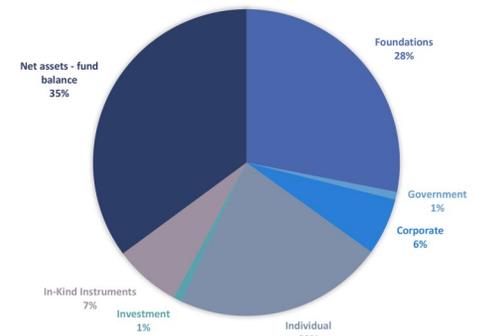
We have received questions from donors regarding how to establish an estate plan that includes the MusicLink® Foundation. Planned giving

(or legacy giving) gifts are payable to a charity upon the donor's death, like a bequest or a beneficiary designation in a life insurance policy or retirement account. These gifts do not generate a lifetime income tax deduction for the donor, but they are exempt from estate tax. Your bequest is a gift that you make through a will or trust and lets us know that you believe we will be doing good work, far into the future.

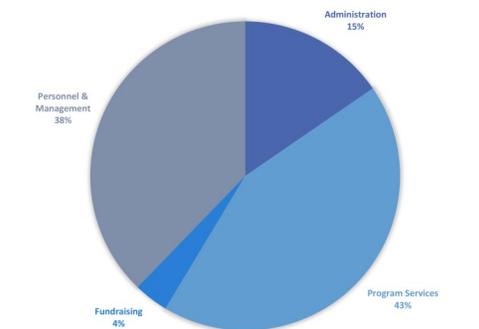
You can tell us to use your bequest for a particular state or program (like summer camp scholarships), or allow us to use it for the needs and opportunities that are most relevant to us when your gift is received. The IRA Charitable Rollover allows individuals over age 70½ to directly transfer up to \$100,000 per year from an IRA account to one or more charities. This transfer counts toward the minimum required distribution rule for IRA accounts, and such distributions are free of both income and estate taxes.

Legacy gifts can make a huge difference in the long-term health of a nonprofit. Legacy gifts are not just for the wealthy, they're for *anyone* who believes in our mission, and who wants to see us continue into the future. *Consider leaving a legacy...so your cherished values live on.*

MUSICLINK® INCOME SOURCES



MUSICLINK® EXPENSES



- Administration:**
Accounting
Office supplies
Telephone/internet
Legal & Bank Fees
Insurance
Postage & Printing

- Personnel & Management:**
Executive Director
Assistant Director
Director of Coordinators
Regional Coordinators (5)
Training

- Program Services:**
Awards - Senior, Teacher Reimbursement
Camp Scholarships & Grass Roots
Instrument moving, repair, purchase
Communication & Newsletters
Conferences, Recruitment
Business Partner Plaques

- Fundraising:**
Playathon rental & supplies
Totes, pins

MusicLink® Foundation Donor Support: 2018-2019

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 2018 through August 2019. *Italicized individuals and business partners provided in-kind donations of instruments and/or music.*

Benefactor: \$10,000 or more

Russell & Arline Bridge Endowment Fund
Dorothy Bornstein and Mel Kurzen Endowment Fund
Gerald Christoff Endowment Fund
Bill & Brigid Brakefield – Legacy Encore
William and Joanne Haroutounian – Legacy Encore

Gold: \$5,000–\$9,999

Kanter Kallman Foundation
Minnesota MusicLink Playathon

Silver: \$1,000–\$4,999

Jimson Akinpelu
Randy Anderson
Paul Dolinsky/Buchley Fund of Federal Lodge No. 1
Ann Gargus
Michael Epstein/Epstein and Co. Dedicated to Peggy Epstein
Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship Benefit
Jack Trautwein / Agnes G. Scholarship Fund
MARAMATA.
Illinois Clavinova Festival
Richard Mattlin / Mattoon Foundation
Jordan Kitts Music
Dhaval Shah
Jerry Shelton/Sounds of Hope Benefit Concert for ML
Louise P. Zanar Fund

Bronze: \$250–\$999

Heather Berry
Diana Braunschweig
Janine Bryant
Meredith Buchanan
Jeff Campbell
Day Violins
Roberta Dewire
William Dunne
Virginia Geoffrey
Ginny Gutierrez in honor of Bill and Cindy Talbert
Peter & Marilyn Haase in memory of Bill Steck
Andrew Herrmann
K & S Conservatory of Music
Charles Kinney
Jennifer Linder/Ascensus Associations
Jan and Elizabeth Lodal In honor of Martha Smith
Beverly McGahey
Colin McLean
Pat Monahan
Connie Pittman/Manassas Orch benefit recital
Olivia Riddell
Sonia Scadden
Martha Smith
Andree St Martin in honor of Mel Lippman
Gordon & Kory Telfer
Julie Toomey
Christine Walsh
Sue Wege

Sustainer: \$100–\$249

Malak Al Kaud
Donna Bergh
Adrianna Birk
Marieclaire Borowy In memory of John Keating
Beth Anne Bowe
Marianne Bryan
Jaette Carpenter
Shirley Chang
Limin Chen
Ignacio Cruz
Mary Catherine & Dennis Davis
Sara Diedrich
Pauline Eidemiller
Chunmie Enneking
Jack and Nancy Ervin
Rachel Fafinski
Rosemary Gano In memory of John Keating
Raeanna Gislason
Julie Grove
LeAnn Halvorson
Thomas Harrison In memory of John Keating
Jana Hollis Julia Haynes Memorial Fund
Lawrence Hughes & Christina A. Frank
Abraham Husain
Walter Jasino In memory of Lawrence Chalifoux
Richard & Elizabeth Juhnke
Ann Kurzius
Arnie Lerman
Sara Mallory
Justin & Julie Marchant
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