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Dear Friend,

The Musical Arts Institute is beginning another exciting year of service to our community. This year, we would like for you to **consider giving the gift of Music** to a child, through the work of the Musical Arts Institute (MAI). **We need your help!**

The Musical Arts Institute remains committed to reaching our community with the benefits and the joy of making music for a lifetime. We are here to provide the highest quality music instruction regardless of the students ability to pay. We need strong supporters like you, who understand the great joy music brings to all our lives. Please support us as we seek to enrich young students of our community

By supporting the Musical Arts Institute, you are ensuring that there are opportunities for art expression and equal access to the highest quality of music education. We are very grateful for those who have contributed gifts in the past and we would like to urge you to continue your support. If you have not had an opportunity to support, we would love to have you, join our family of supporters, for our current fundraising campaign.

Some of most notable accomplishments are as follows:

- As we start our 8th year, we are excited to say that we now serve over 450 students.
- 100% of our graduating students now attend various colleges and universities. Collectively they have garnered over \$400,000.00 in scholarship awards to further their music education
- We are consistently on the Annual Top Rated Non Profits in the country.
(rated by greatnonprofits.com)
- We are featured by Art Norman and NBC5 Chicago for our accomplishments in the community.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=II9_NjvP2EI
- We have partnerships with Chicago State University, University of Chicago, Chicago Sinfonetta, ChiArts High School and others in order to give our students the finest, most current music instruction models.
- One of our students was awarded a silver medal in the National NAACP ACT-SO awards. This is quite an accomplishment.
- MAI facilitates four performing ensembles. The Musical Arts Institute Chamber String Ensemble, MAI Jubilate Chorale, MAI "young lions" Jazz ensemble, MAI Drum Line in order to provide even more performance opportunities for our community students.
- We provide **tuition free** classes in Piano and Guitar for every student in the community that desires to make music.
- These programs are in addition to our established private lesson/coaching studios and classes in all instruments, band, orchestra, and voice
- We are now partnering with 7 area Chicago Public Schools to provide music services where programs did not exist or have been greatly reduced. We are providing drum line, piano, voice, guitar, African drum and string orchestra instruction to these schools and this year we will be expanding our services to include band ensembles.
- Our students, including **Shawna Lewis** (winner of the National Walgreens Concerto Competition) and the **MAI Chamber String Ensemble** are receiving both regional and national recognition and awards.

Your support is needed at this time. Our 2019 fundraising goal is \$100,000.00. We are on the way to our goal with many gifts already coming in. All proceeds from this campaign will go towards funding our many community (tuition free) classes and programs. In addition, your gifts will go a long way to ensure that every student that needs a need or merit based scholarship, will receive one, and no one will ever be refused music instruction, regardless of their ability to pay.

Here is how YOU can donate

- [Please Click Here To Make A Tax Deductible Donation to MAI](#)
- Enclosed in this package is a donation form. Please fill in the form and indicate your level of donation, and mail your donation, as well as this form to us, using the self addressed envelop provided.

Be a part of something BIG that will have a lasting benefit in the lives of our students. Your tax-deductible gift is tremendously appreciated. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Michael Manson
Musical Arts Institute, Executive Director

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