



Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation

Spring 2019

President's Message

Summer programs are an important part of a young person's development. It's a time they can get away from their parents and the pressures of everyday life. During the time I spent working at Arrowbear, I saw many campers return home with greatly improved skills on their instruments. My own children benefited from their experiences attending Arrowbear.

Our Association supports summer music programs. We survive because of your generous donations that make it possible for many young people to attend a summer music camp who otherwise couldn't because of their family financial situations. This newsletter is our long-time, traditional way of raising money for scholarships, but we are exploring other more current avenues of raising funds. Please take a look at the article on page 4 of this newsletter to see other ways you can donate to help young musicians develop both musically and personally through our scholarship program.

We are approaching our 80th Reunion event in two years in the summer of 2021. As one of the activities that day, I'd like us to recognize the dedicated school and private music teachers who affected our lives. I'd like to know who your music teachers were, what influence they had on you to attend a music camp, and how might have shaped your own life. For me, my 9th grade music teacher at Franklin Jr. High was Mr. Thompson. He suggested to my parents that I should take private music lessons on the violin. He also helped me get a partial scholarship to attend Arrowbear. I would later follow him as a music teacher at Hamilton Jr. High. We'll set up a pinned post on our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages where you can share how your music teachers influenced your lives and your musical journey.

Cliff Kusaba
President



Lost Arrowbearites

Every fall and spring we receive numerous newsletters back stamped, "Not Deliverable as Addressed. Unable to Forward." Not only are we sorry to lose an address, but it costs us \$1.09 per piece to get a newsletter back. We also receive regular address changes for every newsletter. These pieces cost us \$0.57 cents each. Now we're having the problem that we're not getting back all the address changes from the Post Office. Your newsletter is being sent on to your new address, but we're not being consistently notified as in the past. This is where you come in. Please try to remember us during the stress and craziness of moving. We need your new address as well. You can send the new address to our PO Box or you can email it to Lkusaba@sbcglobal.net. Many thanks to those of you who let us know when you move.

If you know how to contact any of the following Arrowbearites, please let us know. It's really helpful if you have their mailing or email address, rather than just telling us you think they moved to a certain city.

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| Isabella Gentile | Sarah Orme Weisz | Molly Walsh | Isabel Thiroux | Ellen & Monique Quinn | James Roach | |
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Fall and Winter 18-19 Donations

Many, many thanks to the friends and alumni of Arrowbear who donated to our Scholarship Fund. Donations from the Fall Newsletter totaled an astonishing **\$35,873**. We are particularly grateful because we know these are difficult times with families still recovering from the economic downturn. All of the donations will go toward scholarships for this coming summer. We want to especially thank **Morey's Music Store** who has faithfully donated to our efforts for over 30 years. They never hesitate to help young musicians go to music camp.

Every donation is appreciated. We receive amounts from \$10 to hundreds of dollars. It all adds up. Don't worry about waiting until you can give more at some point in the future. Any amount makes a difference. It's always a wonderful surprise to visit the mail box and hear how you're doing and what is keeping you busy. Please keep in touch and give when you can.

Rejean Schweitzer Anderson
Gilbert Bishop
Tami Caryl Borowick
Jon Bowermaster
Rob & Tricia Brown
Carolyn Kusaba Carroll
Allan & Stephanie Crlenica Carter
Nancy Strobridge Chase
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Mike & Marylynn Wilcox Eipper
Sylvia & William Fedak
Erin Nakagawa Felix
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Ann Hebert Gilleran
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Peter Kozik
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Larson/Moore Family
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Ildiko Meracz Siegrist
Ralph Siemsen
Rosemary McNamee Waller
Kirk Watilo
Myrtle Seymour Watilo
Mike West
Cathi Daggett Wrench
Gary Wrench

Dedications

Peggy Mills, Beth Mills Grace, & Jeff Mills in memory of Ted Mills.

Leslie Collins Edwards and Kiki Collins Bussell in memory of Loren and June Collins.

Gustavo Alfaro, Jr. in memory of his mother-in-law, Cherry Blossom, who taught her children the joy of music.

Marcia and Anna Schechter in memory of David L. Schechter.

Harold J. Russell in memory of his parents, Ruth and Harold Russell.

Naomi Norwick in memory of Walter and Natalie Norwick.

Sarah Solberg in memory of Carole Dockstader and Akira Endo.

Bruce Wilkison in memory of Fred Ohlendorf.

Anonymous in memory of Katy Henderson and Carole Dockstader.

David & Gina Burcham in honor of Stacy Burcham.

Lon and Jean Reynolds Eckhardt in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Sachiko Tanaka in honor of Cliff and Laura Kusaba.

Steve Pashby in memory of his old buddy, Jerry Downs.

Janette Dill and the Dill Family in memory of Bob Dill.



Additional Donations and Grants



Many thanks to the Arrowbear Campers from Summer 2018 who donated the unspent funds left in their personal camp bank accounts at the end of their sessions. This totaled \$500.

Many thanks to Jeff Haberman who has designated AMA to receive his contributions via the Boeing Employee Individual Giving Program.

Many thanks to Nancy Rodriguez Bell for completing the paperwork for a matching grant through Bank of America.

Many thanks to Russell Graham for completing the paperwork for a grant through both the ENGPAC and ECHO programs from the Northrop Grumman Foundation.

Many thanks to Robert & Jennifer Mitchell Spier for a matching grant from the Benevity Community Impact Fund.

Many thanks to Naomi Norwick's friends and family for donations through Facebook and Network for Good.

Many thanks to Cathi Wrench Dagget for a matching grant from the Allstate Foundation.

Alumni News

Kathy Larsen (75-78) is a physical therapist who plays with the Boston Philharmonic and plays chamber music with friends.

Gary Wrench (45-50) recalls that he and Marvin Sippel were proctors for the boys' dorm at night and did gofer stuff for Fred and Edna, including sectional rehearsals, during the day. Runs to the dump at Running Springs in Fred's old Chevy with trailer in tow were a highlight. Somewhere in there was time for fraternization with the girls' counselors.

D. Wilson Ochoa (79-82) is in his fifth season as principal librarian with the Boston Symphony. His arrangement of music from the Richard Strauss opera "Ariadne auf Naxos" was recorded by the Buffalo Philharmonic.

In Memoriam

Tim Webb passed away on November 29, 2018, from complications from liver disease. He was a trombone player who attended camp from 1978-1983. He played in the big band scene in Portland and subbed with the Beaverton Symphony Orchestra.



Arrowbear's 78th Summer

Summer is fast approaching. It's not too late to enroll in a session at Camp. Contact Camp directly for enrollment information. They have a toll-free number: 877-867-4511. You can also email them at info@arrowbear.com or visit their web site at www.arrowbear.com. There are family discounts available for sending more than one member of the family. All registration is completed online.

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| Elementary | (ages 9 - 12) (Band & Orchestra) | Aug. 11 - 15 | \$350 |
| Intermediate I | (entering grades 6-9) | June 30 – July 13 OR | \$1,315 |
| Intermediate II | | July 28 – Aug. 10 | \$1,315 |
| Advanced | (entering grade 9 and higher) | July 14 - July 27 | \$1,315 |
| Choral | (entering grade 9 - college) | June 23 – June 29 | \$605 |
| Jazz Improv | (entering grade 9 – college) | June 15 - 22 | \$610 |



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What is AmazonSmile?

The AmazonSmile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program. All donation amounts generated by the AmazonSmile program are remitted to the AmazonSmile Foundation. In turn, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates those amounts to the charitable organizations selected by its customers.



How Can I Support Music Scholarships Besides Writing a Check?

For some of you, writing a check, addressing an envelope, and locating a stamp is too time consuming or just flat-out "old school." There are lots of other ways you can help us help young musicians.

- **PayPal** – You can send a donation through PayPal whether you have an account with them or not. Just go to our website at arrowbearmusicassoc.org and click on the PayPal link located on our homepage. It's easy!
- **Online Bill Pay** – Set up our organization as a "bill" in your online banking platform. You can arrange for an automatic monthly donation or just initiate a payment when it's convenient for you. No stamps required.
- **Employer deductions** - Does your employer allow for monthly employee deductions from your paycheck to support nonprofits? Many companies will match your donations too. We're happy to fill out the paperwork to qualify for a matching donation. We receive many of these matching donations electronically.
- **Amazon Smile** – This program costs you nothing but the time to register. Then you're set every time you order from Amazon. Our specific charity link is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-3253693>
- **Donate stock** – Yes, we can now accept stock donations through our account at Vanguard. This has great tax advantages for you and benefits us too. Contact us at Lkusaba@sbcglobal.net for more information.
- **Facebook/Network for Good** -Facebook offers an option for followers to set up a birthday donation page. Your friends donate through Facebook who then sends the funds to Network for Good. Network for Good deposits it electronically in our checking account. Win! Win!

Applicants' Letters Explain Their Need for a Scholarship

We ask each scholarship applicant to write a letter explaining why they need a scholarship. Below are some excerpts from the student letters we received with their scholarship applications. Their passion for music, along with their hope of being selected for a scholarship, shines through their words. They dream of being better musicians and of spending time with other young people who share their love of music. Many applicants mention how going to Arrowbear helps them focus on music and forget the realities of their day-to-day life. Receiving a scholarship makes one of their dreams come true.

Every Saturday I attend violin classes to become a teacher. This has shown me another way to help people in my community. This program I am in is a non-profit organization and focuses on helping kids that are unfortunate and cannot afford to pay for violin classes. I hope that you can help me in my journey to become a better student and bring back the skills and lessons I learned to my fellow musicians



Due to the financial situation of my parents, I am unable to get into this camp by just paying for it. I have never been to a sleep-away camp. Since I started playing, music has helped me in numerous ways. For example, when I feel frustrated, I turn to music to help me overcome that frustration. I would also get to be in a place where people have the same interest as me; playing an instrument. In many ways, music just makes my life better.

When I was six, I had a talk with my mom about my dreams. I told her that I had given up on my dream to become a violinist. After I heard myself say that I cried my eyes out, so my mom said that she would do anything possible to let me learn the violin. I trusted her. Four years later, when I was ten my mom finally found lessons for me. Another four years later and I'm now 14 years old. I have come so far but need help to take the next step in my violin life. I hope that you can help me. My mom and dad need your help too. My brother is also applying for a scholarship. We all need your help to get back to the wonderful place of making lifelong friendships at Arrowbear.

My family can't pay for the entirety of the session, but a scholarship would help a lot as I am the one who will be paying for my own fee. I would very much appreciate having a scholarship to attend since it will make it easier on me financially. I really appreciate and love jazz for how it has brought me closer to my peers and friends as we bond over the music.

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Arrowbear Music Associates is a non-profit organization. Our purpose is to provide scholarships to deserving young musicians for summer music camps. The number of scholarships depends upon the donations we receive. Our major expenses are the two

Newsletters which are published in the fall and spring. We mail Newsletters to just over two thousand alumni and friends.

The members of the Board of Directors volunteer their time and talents so that we can provide scholarships and keep you informed about what is going on at Arrowbear. We are always in need of more help. If you are interested in joining a committee, please call (562) 634-5158, email us at Lkusaba@sbcglobal.net, or write to us at PO Box 1294, Lakewood, CA 90714. We meet three to four times a year. We'd love to have you join us.

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Scholarships 2019

We received 49 scholarship applications in April. It's always so difficult to decide who should receive assistance. We agonize, argue passionately for students who touch our hearts in some way, and finally reach a consensus on who gets a scholarship, and who we are unable to help. We walk a delicate line trying to balance merit with need, those who have the advantage of lessons versus those who have potential but perhaps can't afford private lessons, or with students who we know would flourish with the opportunity to have an experience at camp, but perhaps are not yet very proficient technically on their instruments. Still, everyone who listens to the tapes feels an amazing sense of accomplishment that our organization can help so many students. We, and you, do make a difference in these kids' lives.

We are excited to announce that we awarded **\$43,985** in scholarships to all **49** students who applied for the 2019 summer. Congratulations to them all!



Morey's Music Store Scholarship

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| Brian Velasco | violin | Vista |
| Alexis Lam | violin | Long Beach |

David L. Schechter Scholarship

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| Will Canterbury | tenor sax | Valley Village |
| Brian Delgado | trombone | Vista |

Brian C. Reynolds Scholarship

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| Catherine Harrison | string bass | Oceanside |
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Robert "Bob" Dill Foundation Scholarship

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| Anais Cervantes | trumpet | Baldwin Park |
| Jorge Espinoza | clarinet | El Monte |
| Marianna Herrera | clarinet | Baldwin Park |
| Maggie Jenkins | trumpet | Long Beach |
| Jesse Oda | percussion | Long Beach |

Robert Simmergren Scholarship

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| Jake Aceta | trumpet | Green Valley Lake |
| Tyki Cantu-Wang | violin | Big Bear City |

Newton and Elsie Wrench Scholarship

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| Nautica Macias | clarinet | Baldwin Park |
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Robert Collins Choral Scholarship

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| Jessica Whitten | alto | Westminster |
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Arnold & Judy Hogarth Scholarship

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| Charlotte Abrego | trombone | Baldwin Park |
| Paige Boehm | cello | Los Angeles |
| Deborah Harrison | cello | Oceanside |
| Maya Passmore | clarinet | Long Beach |
| Sky White | violin | Long Beach |

Raye Fairchild Scholarship

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| Ariana Revis | alto sax | Las Vegas, NV |
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Walter Norwick Scholarship

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| Max Pemberton | alto sax | Long Beach |
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Loren & June Collins Scholarship

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| Branden Berumen | clarinet | Long Beach |
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B.T. Ted Mills Scholarship

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| Lauren Poblete | flute | Long Beach |
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Carole Ohlendorf Dockstader Scholarship

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| Alexandra Edwards | flute | Long Beach |
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Suzanne Renee Fluchere Scholarship

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| Vera Fang | violin | Los Angeles |
| Isaac Suarez | violin | Escondido |

Howard and Joyce Schinnerer Scholarship

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| Magdalena McKee | cello | Johnstown, CO |
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Mark Masterson Scholarship

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| Elizabeth Matos | flute | Long Beach |
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Choral Scholarships

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| Tyler Serrano | soprano | Westminster |
| Liam Getzin | tenor | Port Angeles, WA |

Jazz & High School Scholarships

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| Omeed Almasi | cello | Los Angeles |
| Aidan Parmeter Dyer | percussion | Long Beach |
| Dylan Johnson | trumpet | Lakewood |
| Kelly Tran | piano | Long Beach |

Middle School Scholarships

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|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Charlotte Boscon | cello | Long Beach |
| Wilfredo Calderon | alto sax | Baldwin Park |
| Cayliani Ellis | violin | Highland |
| Keyra Ickler | flute | Long Beach |
| Jade Lee | violin | San Diego |
| Eli Nunez | violin | Escondido |
| Rogelio Raya | violin | Burbank |
| Bryann Revilla | clarinet | Baldwin Park |
| Isabella Salcido | baritone | Baldwin Park |
| Yuan Sison | flute | Baldwin Park |
| Allison Suarez | violin | Escondido |
| Zuzanna Szybura | violin | Long Beach |
| Melanie Valle | flute | Baldwin Park |
| Christopher Velasco | violin | Vista |

Elementary School Scholarships

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| Kiana Lee | cello | San Diego |
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