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(January 2020 Recipient-Bloomington School of Music)

13-2562192 respectfully requests \$(deleted by GKV) from the GKV Foundation to support launching a series of Family Concerts and expanding its Early-Childhood program, reaching over 300 students at critical moments in their development.

13-2562192 has become an epicenter for early-childhood music in our neighborhood. We have formed a strong partnership with a local Head-Start facility, providing free early-childhood classes to their families. Our in-house programs offer 13 hours per week with our highly-qualified early-childhood faculty. Most importantly, 13-2562192 provides need-based financial aid for families, for whom early-childhood classes are outside of their means.

Funding from the GKV Foundation would support:

- Launching our Family Concert series; which will program 2-3 literacy-based concerts per semester that explore the importance of reading by engaging students with music and movement, culminating with a concert in the local library;
- Expanding our existing partnership with a local Head-Start to serve more families and provide a more holistic approach to students' education by having our faculty lead workshops for teachers and parents on how to incorporate music into students' everyday lives;
- Expanding faculty hours for in-house programs to provide additional opportunities for families of all backgrounds to engage in early-childhood music classes.

We provide a space for children to fire synapses as early as 12 weeks-old in response to music and start learning. Early-childhood offerings are critically important because they are the earliest entry point for students and families to start reaping the many benefits of music education, specifically fine motor and math skills, language development and collaboration. Family engagement is essential to student success and we approach this through Parent and Teacher training, supporting children's learning and teacher well-being as they grow to work in partnership. Early-Childhood Concerts are a way to create intergenerational bridges leading to students feeling linked and supported by their community. We assert that 13-2562192, the applicant, meets GKV Foundation's Minimum Requirements as stated in the GKV website.