



June 2016

Dear Dr. Corbett,

We are writing today to solicit a sponsorship donation for the Young Musician's Mentor Band (YMMB) on the behalf of the Bensenville Community Foundation (501-C4) and the Bensenville Arts Council in the amount of \$500.00. The purpose of the YMMB is to provide a low-cost, youth instrumental music program during the summertime for residents of the community, grades 7-12. The community in which we serve is very diverse socio-economically; it gives us great pride to provide this program for all interested students no matter their background. The mission of the YMMB is to ensure that each student gets instrument specific instruction from a professional as well as large group ensemble experiences with professionals. Each section or instrument receives small group & large group instruction by what we call a "Mentor." With this model in place it makes the YMMB one of the most unique and rare summer music enrichment programs in the state of Illinois.

Wood Dale School District 7 has provided assistance to this program in the past. In return, we would gratefully perform a concert at the WDJH Performing Arts facility to the community members of Wood Dale. In addition, we would help promote the positive impact that WDS 7 has on the students within our community through our program, banner, and website. We hope WDS 7 can help support the YMMB program by becoming a sponsor.

Enclosed in this letter is a proposal that we have used in the past to describe the finer points of the what the YMMB is all about. Please share this with any and all interested parties.

May we count on your help? If you are able to make a donation and become a sponsor please make all checks payable to the '*Bensenville Arts Council* earmarked for the '*Young Musician's Mentor Band*'.

Mail to:

Bensenville Arts Council

200 S Church Road

Bensenville, Illinois, 60106

Attn: Young Musician's Mentor Band

Your generosity will allow the YMMB program to continue to provide the children in our community with the opportunity to participate in this wonderful, musically enriching organization. Thank you in advance for your support!

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me by phone (630) 630-860-4944 or by email georgeg@fenton100.org.

Sincerely,

Garett A. George

Director, Fenton High School

Artistic Director, Young Musician's Mentor Band

YOUNG MUSICIANS MENTOR BAND (YMMB) DONATION PROPOSAL

Goal of YMMB

The goal of YMMB is to provide a high level of music instruction in small & large group settings to the students in our communities.

History

The YMMB began in 1984 by a local middle school band director and a community member active with special events in Bensenville. Performances by the YMMB began a weekly summer tradition called Music in the Park. Today, the Music in the Park tradition continues with the YMMB performing during the season.

Purpose of YMMB

The purpose of the YMMB is to provide a summer music enrichment program for Bensenville and Wood Dale students in grades 7-12. This unique program provides students with instrument specific instruction, small and large group ensemble experiences, and performance opportunities. Instruction is delivered by professionals referred to as "mentors" who provide a high level of instruction. This small group instruction is similar to private lessons.

Proposal

The YMMB is seeking funding to maintain its current summer music enrichment program in the amount of \$500.00.

Current Program Budget

The current operating budget provides compensation for the music mentors.

Funding needed to maintain program as it currently exists:		\$7500.00
Bensenville Arts Council Grant:	\$4000.00	
Student Fees:	\$2000.00	
Budget deficit:		-\$1500.00

Collaborative agencies and their current role in the program:

The YMMB has the tremendous support from the following community organizations:

- The Bensenville Community Foundation for assisting us with grant applications as a not-for-profit organization.
- The Bensenville Arts Council for contributing partial funding and administrative support.
- Bensenville School District 2 & Fenton District 100 for providing bus transportation for the Grant Park Symphony field trip and equipment transportation for both concert events.
- The Village of Bensenville for providing chairs and sound reinforcement at Music in the Park.
- Wood Dale School District 7 for providing a space, chairs, and an opportunity to perform at their facilities.
- Wood Dale School District 7 for contributing partial funding in years past
- Village of Wood Dale contributing partial funding
- Sponsorships from area businesses

2015 YOUNG MUSICIANS MENTOR BAND SEASON SUMMARY

Participation

- 73 students participated in the program this summer
- Of those 73 students...
 - 48 were from Bensenville
 - 23 were from Wood Dale
 - 2 were from out of town

Mentors

- There were ten mentors who assisted with the program.

Performances

- The YMMB performed at the Bensenville Concert in the Park on a beautiful June evening
- The YMMB performed at the Lewis Huffman Auditorium at Fenton H.S.
- The YMMB traveled to Millennium Park's Pritzker Pavilion to see the Grant Park Symphony

Sponsorships & Acknowledgements

- The BAC, VOWD, WDSO 7, Quinlan & Fabish Music Co, for their financial sponsorship
- WDSO 7 & FCHS 100 for the use of their facilities
- BSD 2 for their logistics support
- VOB for the 50/50 raffle offering & set up at concert in the park
- Mrs. Nicci Krebasch, Tyrone Ward, and Vineeta Shivde, the YMMB parent steering committee
- Carlos Hernandez, BSD 2 employee, for driving and assisting with the equipment truck
- Our 50/50 volunteers who sold raffle tickets
- Bob Flood and the VOB for helping us with logistics for the performance
- WDSO 7, WDJH, Eric Morong, and the WDJH custodial staff for assistance with the program