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Dear Friend,

Too often we underestimate the power of a kind word, a listening ear, a smile, or the smallest act of caring – all of which have tremendous potential to influence the life of a child.

My husband Kyle and I know first hand the importance of supporting a child's dreams. As young musicians we both benefited from the generosity of donors who made it possible to study music - opening the door for me to experience music for the first time in middle school and beyond, and for Kyle to become an accomplished vocalist in college. Both experiences were selfless acts of kindness that changed our lives profoundly, and we are thankful everyday.

As a non-profit school, it is Prairie Music & Arts' mission to make opportunities in the arts accessible to everyone. Through a year-end donation, you are not only supporting need-based financial assistance, but you are introducing children to the world of music, art, and drama; giving them the tools to express themselves, build life skills and collaborate with others. ***Private lessons, guest artist clinics, honors piano programs, and art exploration are just a few examples of what your support, big or small, can do!***

Where would a small boy from Clinton, Iowa be today if a music scholarship had not been funded by an anonymous donor 30 years ago? Would he have had the resources to become an international opera singer? Through the generosity of others, Kyle and I are now in a position to give our own children an arts education, and we are grateful for a school like Prairie Music & Arts where a wide range of artistic activities are offered under one roof. With the help of those of us who can give just a little more, we can help children who cannot afford these opportunities and start them on a path toward realizing their dreams.

Please consider being a part of the Prairie Music & Arts family by making a tax-deductible donation at www.prairiemusic.org. ***Whether it's developing a performer for the New York Metropolitan Opera or simply giving a child a stronger future, together we can make a difference!***

With Gratitude,

Rebecca Ketelsen
Prairie Music & Arts Board of Directors