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Dear Headwaters supporter,

As the year draws to a close, we are grateful for the encouragement and support we receive from our community. Thank you for being a part of things here at Headwaters Music & Arts. Your involvement, your support and your commitment means we will continue to thrive and grow.

It has been a good year here at Headwaters Music & Arts.

Along with our community events and performances, amazing things happen in our building each week. Youth as well as adults come through our lobby for music lessons, pottery class, or art club. As I work on this letter, I hear the First City Singers work through a new song down in the performance hall – a Monday highlight for me. From community events to one-on-one relationships, each activity helps us bring our mission to life as we provide opportunities for creativity through instruction and inspire the community through music and the arts.

I have probably said way too often that I have the best job in Bemidji. I am not an artist or a musician, but I get to be part of this small but vibrant music and arts organization, knowing that we make an impact. What we do matters.

During recital rehearsal, Amanda shared that, "Headwaters has been a fun and safe environment for my special-needs son. Gabe's instructor is flexible and patient, and so devoted to his learning experience. Dan really gets him. And the scholarship program has made it possible for us to be involved. Headwaters has been so wonderful for us." This photo is Dan watching Gabe perform during his recital.

Annalise and her student Zoey share a moment of relief and excitement following the winter recital. Zoey said afterwards that she has so much fun getting together each week with Annalise to sing with her.

My granddaughter started piano lessons here this fall. I just happened to be there when that little peanut met her instructor for the first time. Both were smiling, both predisposed to the notion that they will love their time together. When Petra took part in her first recital this past weekend, she sat next to Mattea while awaiting her turn to shine. The smiles were as bright as ever.



My dreams for my granddaughter are what we here at Headwaters Music & Arts envision for all of our music and art students. May they learn patience, confidence, and commitment. May they experience music and art literacy and proficiency (with the additional benefits of improved ability to focus, more hand-eye coordination and better test taking and multi-tasking!). May they build positive relationships in a safe and caring atmosphere. And may that spark of creativity sustain them - and fulfill them - throughout their lives.

Our goal is to raise \$7,000 before December 31. Your contribution will help us with day-to-day operations, down to heat, sidewalk salt, and light bulbs for piano lamps in the studios. Beyond simply keeping our doors open, our 2020 goals include a furnace for our visual art and pottery studio, additional lighting in our performance hall, additional summer camps, and a native bird and bee-friendly landscaping project. Every dollar makes a big difference.

I invite you to be a part of things here at Headwaters Music & Arts. In fact, please attend our annual meeting 5:30 pm on Monday, December 9. And our Northwoods Winter Concert and Silent Auction is coming up 4-6 pm Sunday, December 8, with performances by our 2018 CD contributors, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and Brigids Pub cash bar. This mandolin, *reimagined* by artist Sarah Peterson, is one of the silent auction items. Lovely, yes? Tickets are \$10. As a contributing member, we cordially invite you to attend as our guest.



With your interest and support, we will accomplish great things in 2020! May your holidays be full of music, art, and all the joy they bring.

Thank you. Thank you!

Tricia Andrews, Executive Director
Headwaters Music & Arts Board of Directors
Carrie Howard, Emily Fairchild, Ashley Charwood, Danielle McAllister, Gary Rients, Amie Lauderbaugh

Feel free to give directly at www.headwatersmusicandarts.org via credit/debit card if that's more convenient. Recurring gifts of \$10, \$15, or \$25 per month add up over the course of a year and make a significant impact in allowing us to provide high quality music and art experiences. Again, thank you for your support.

- Recurring gift each month at _____ per month.
- \$25 Friend of Headwaters
- \$50 Arts Appreciator Level (Voting membership begins at \$50 level, as well as 10% discount for selected adult classes and workshops)
- \$100 Connoisseur Level \$250 Arts Engagement Level
- \$500 Arts Patron Level
- \$1000 Arts Sustainer
- I would like to attend the December 8 Concert. Put me down for ____ ticket/s.

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