

Basic Information as of March 10, 2019

The following bullet points either cover basic information about *Music4Life* or answer questions we frequently get when asked about it.

Music4Life provides ready-to-play musical instruments at no charge to public school districts for use by students in need.

- We work with Auburn, Central Kitsap, Edmonds, Everett, Highline, Kent, Northshore, Seattle and Shoreline Public Schools. Other school districts are being considered.
- Research now shows that students who participate in instrumental music programs do better in math, science, history, literature, international languages, reading, writing, even in computer science, in addition to what it teaches in terms of teamwork and self-discipline.
- Therefore, all students can benefit -- UNLESS their parents can't afford to get them a musical instrument.
- *Music4Life* helps families across the very first barrier they encounter: The acquisition of the musical instrument in the first place.
- Instruments are acquired from people who have them stored in their garages or attics and understand that their highest and best use is to put them back into play.
- It is essential to fill-out a Donor Form with detailed information about the instrument being donated so we can track it through the evaluation process.
- We encourage school districts to provide the instruments to young children first so we can get them out of gangs, drugs and other harmful environments.
- All local *Music4Life* programs are based on local booster clubs. The more funds a booster club raises for *Music4Life*, the more instruments that school district gets. Bookkeeping discipline allows us to guarantee that funds raised by a booster club will be used only to benefit the students attending that particular school district.
- A student may use the instrument of their choice as long as s/he is enrolled in the school district. If s/he leaves the school district for any reason (such as graduation, parents move, etc.), the instrument must be returned to the school district so another student can use it.
- Instruments have a useful life of 3-15 years or more. So it's possible that numerous students may get the educational benefits of instrumental music from the same instrument.
- The instruments continue to be owned by *Music4Life*, which provides them at no charge to participating public school districts on a long-term loan basis.
- *Music4Life* may be available to work with any public school district to implement a local school district-based *Music4Life* program.
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