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### String Builder Initiative

The Music Foundation of Southwest Florida is supporting the efforts of the Lee County School District of increasing access to orchestra classes. Through this partnership, we aim to increase the number of students in the Lee County School District's participation in orchestra. The Music Foundation is helping to provide students with string instruments (Violin, Viola, and Cello). This effort is hoping to open the door to plentiful opportunities a proper string education can provide!

### Traveling Instruments

Our beautiful instruments are being rotated to 22 elementary schools this year and over 20,000 students will see them!

### Loaner Instruments

Currently we are completing the inventory of our loaner instruments and will have them available to Lee County students soon. More details may be found on our website. <https://music-foundation.org>.

### High School Summer Music Program Scholarships

We are expecting to hold auditions in April, 2022 as usual.

### Our "retired" instruments find a second life in art!

Ten students from The Mariner High School – National Art Honor Society created this musical fish and received service hours for the project under the coaching of Jennifer Shamrock, co-sponsor of NAHS. Currently the fish is located at the Lee County School District Office.



### 2021 MUSIC FOUNDATION DONORS

*We are so grateful!*

**Special thanks to Stephen Craig (founder of The Music Foundation of SW Florida) for his donation on behalf of Chuck Steeg.**

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## NEWS AND UPDATES

Greetings to all our faithful supporters of The Music Foundation of Southwest Florida! This year has been interesting in its rhythm and we continue to adjust to whatever comes our way as we support our mission. Many thanks to everyone who was able to contribute in 2021 as that has allowed us to continue providing our evolving programs. Although we have not been able to meet very much in person (even our board meetings are online this year) we have hopes of a face to face fundraiser in Spring 2022. We are so looking forward to that! More information will be coming to you soon and of course our website is kept up to date. [www.music-foundation.org](http://www.music-foundation.org)

As you see from this newsletter we have plans for 2022 and are seeking additional donations and grants in order to provide more high quality arts education opportunities. In addition, we have had to replace our "aging" computer and are looking for donations/grants to cover that much needed technology upgrade. *If you can donate to our organization, please celebrate the holidays in that way!*

Wishing you the very best possible holiday season,  
Ruth Christman, Executive Director.

Dorothy Rodwell, President; Katherine Light, Secretary & Treasurer; Board Members: Candace Sundby, Jason Thomashefsky, and Dorothy Yorty.

### Summer Camp at Harns Marsh Middle School *\*New Venue\**

This year's camps were a huge success. The students were the big winners and those that participated were thrilled to be there. Many were there only because of generous donations!

The Building 2 of Harns Marsh Middle School was a perfect setting because it housed all of the arts classrooms as well as the gymnasium. Camps included Visual Arts, Keyboard, Band and Strings. The students were all contained and had their breaks in the gym. Small groups enjoyed gathering in the Orchestra room to play UNO. The majority of the students really enjoyed the physical break playing basketball. The students received free breakfast and lunch each day and were supervised at all times by the teachers and Ms. Sundby (Camp Director) and Ms. Voellinger (Assistant Camp Director). Also a big "thank you" goes to Andre Simeon for his help.

Many thanks to Principal Dworzanski for his generous support! We are looking forward to offering more camps in 2022!

### Virtual Lessons

Some scholarships are available for virtual lessons, so be sure to check the website if you are interested. As both students and teachers are more comfortable these lessons may be in person.