



March, 2019

Dear Community Supporter:

As you may be aware, the inaugural **Brant Music Festival** held last spring was a huge success and we are now in the process of preparing for the 2019 festival. This springtime tradition for many local, aspiring young musicians was established to take the place of the Branford Kiwanis Music Festival which ended in 2017.

The Brant Music Festival, running from April 29 – May 4, 2019, will offer competitive classes in Piano, Voice and Strings, as in the past. We will also be holding classes for school and community choirs and bands and if last year is any indication of interest, this should prove to be a wonderful way to encourage more participation from students.

Even though much of the work is carried out by volunteers there are many costs associated with running a music festival and we are asking for your financial assistance to help cover the following:

- Awards & trophies
- Ribbons & certificates
- Adjudicator fees & accommodation
- Piano tuning
- Hall rentals
- Insurance
- Ontario Music Festival Association fees
- Printing & office expenses
- Promotion & publicity
- Help with school transportation costs

We are asking that you make a commitment to support us in this endeavor by making a cash donation. Our fundraising goal this year is \$6,000 and we hope that you will be able to help us reach that goal. Any amount will be gratefully received and recognized. Your generosity will make a difference in our community and will help ensure that the Festival experience, which was the bedrock of Brantford's cultural identity, will continue for many more years.

We are now a registered Charity (#792391914RR0001), so can issue tax deductible receipts. If you need further information, please contact me at lynn.haylock1@gmail.com or at 519-753-7066. Thank you for any support that you can give. It will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lynn Haylock,
Board Member

Trophy Competition:	Saturday, May 4, 2019 – St. Andrew's United Church
Stars of the Festival:	Tuesday, May 14, 2019 – St. Andrew's United Church