### About Us

Established in memory of Aaron Brown; an Eagle Scout and aspiring guitarist studying music in college when he was tragically shot to death.

#### Our Mission

To use music education to support at-risk youth and help them overcome their barriers to self-sufficient adulthood;

To support music therapists providing services to those with disabilities or veterans.

# Where We Operate

In neighborhoods around the DMV. Partner organizations include community centers, housing projects, churches, libraries and schools.

# Who is Eligible

At-risk youth in middle or high school Programs serving veterans Programs serving those with disabilities

The Cost

Free; all equipment provided

To volunteer, donate, learn more, or refer a student please contact us.

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Music Education Programs for At-Risk Youth and Adults in Need of Support

Nutrition for the Mind & Soul



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## What We Do

Provide music education programs; career and life skills mentoring

# After-School Guitar Program



Guitar lessons for at-risk youth, veterans and adults with disabilities

Ukulele lessons for youth with disabilies

## Band & Orchestra Program

Provide instruments, lessons and fee assistance to at-risk youth who can't afford their school's program.



## STEAM Guitar Program



Students learn the design and operation of a guitar; build their own instrument; and learn to play it

# Why We Do It

Music education is too important an opportunity to be limited by the circumstances into which you are born. Program cuts, fees and participation requirements make it increasingly less accessible to low income youth. We do it:

To keep them on a path to self-sufficient adulthood





and prevent them from becoming tomorrow's burden on society

Music education programs are proven to:



- Aid in developing essential cognitive systems; e.g. reasoning, creativity, thinking, decision-making and problem-solving
- Improve social skills, confidence, discipline and attitude
- Relieve stress

Having programs in their communities and schools improves their quality of life

# How You Can Help

Learn more about the value of music education; become an ambassador.

Spread the word about us and our programs to family, friends & co-workers

Volunteer Musicians can teach; non-musicians can organized, oversee classes or help with fundraising





Donate We need funds, professional services, and instruments



Planned giving; let your legacy be a patron of music education. Ask us how

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