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Granville Community Music School

Granville Community Music School makes quality music instruction available to talented, interested, deserving children from low income families at the nominal fee of 50 cents per lesson. Granville is modeled after the successful W.O. Smith Community School in Nashville, TN.

Many people label children from families and neighborhoods of poverty as "at-risk." We prefer to see these amazing kids as "at-promise." These children just need to be given opportunities to shine. Our organization believes strongly in the power of music. We've experienced the positive effects music has had in our personal lives and have witnessed first-hand the impact it has made on the children we have the pleasure of serving.

Granville Music School provides arts education opportunities for students who would otherwise not have access. These lessons take place after school, providing activities for students who would many times be left home alone or to find



alternate activities on the streets of their neighborhoods. Research has shown time and time again that students who are involved in quality arts programs - especially music - are more disciplined, well-rounded and successful in school, becoming strong citizens and leaders in their communities.

"Students of lower socioeconomic status who took music lessons in grades 8 through 12 increased their math scores significantly as compared to non-music students. But just as important, reading, history, geography and even social skills soared by 40%."

...Gardiner, Fox, Jeffrey and Knowles, Nature, May 23, 1996

We have recently acquired a larger building space which will allow us to expand for many years to come; however, we still need instruments, equipment and on-

going financial support in order to expand and impact the lives of as many children and families in our community as possible.