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To The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation,

I am glad about that MHOF provide an opportunity for our young musicians to win the new instruments for our music program. I want to say thanks first, because I am feeling warm of your caring of us. I would like to share my own story with you about how much music means to me and how MHOF's award of instrument will impact our school.

Music is a universal language; it decreases the gap between different people of cultures and languages. I have immigrated to United States with my family in summer of 2007. At first, I didn't really like to go to school for each day and even want to escape from school. I felt that I didn't fit in. I spoke different language than other students in the school. There was a big gap between me and the community. I didn't have confidence to go to college.

As a sophomore in high school, I started to play instrument at school. In the instrument class, I started to love the music and little by little love school. After one year, I have joined the band; first, I was scared of performing a solo in group of people because I was shy and scare to made mistakes. Then I was taught to learn from mistake that I make and they gave me more opportunities to try and improve.

We are share the joy of collaborating and the rewards of working together. Band practice, rehearsal, performances and inspiring of band director and members help me to build up self- confidence. I have met a lot of friends who are musicians. Music allowed me to speak 'normal' language and to fit in. I am a confident student now because of music. I believe that only music can help to fill the gap between different cultures and language.

Our Belmont music program has been many years. Some of the instruments are getting rusty since it used for many decades. Some of those keys are stuck, although our band director fix many times, but it still not working. There is a financial crisis; we didn't get any budget to buy some new instruments. Our music program is not only for our whole school, but also Sal Castro Middle School; we are a group of lovely students (young musicians) in our campus who loving music and need your support.

Music is very important in our world which helping us to growing up. Music inspires me greatly, and it will inspire more young generation. Music makes our lives magical and meaningful.

Please consider giving us a helping hand!!! Thank You for your support!!!

**M**usically,

A forever-passionate musician and a current junior student in Belmont Senior High