

Marching Mountains

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Instrument Distributions

In 2011, we had a huge increase in instrument donations! We donated:

8 clarinets, 5 trumpets, a 5-piece drum kit, 2 trombones, 3 alto saxophones, a soprano saxophone, 4 snare drums and a bass drum.

We are thrilled to have received so many wonderful donations from the public.

In 2011, the schools that received instruments were:

Harts Middle School, Harts, WV

Sheldon Clark High School, Inez, KY

Philippi Elementary School, Philippi, WV

Burchfield School, Oneida, TN

Winfield School, Winfield, TN

Hale County High School, Moundville, AL

Perry County Central, Hazard, KY

Webster County High School, Upper Glade, WV

John M. Stumbo Elementary, Gretel, KY

McDowell Elementary, McDowell, KY

Lawrence County Schools, Moulton, AL

Johnson County High School, Mountain City, TN

South Floyd High School, Hi Hat, KY

“Thank you so much for the job you do and God Bless you. You are changing the lives of Appalachian children one instrument at a time.”

- Jeanette Oldaker,
Band Instructor for
Harts Middle School
in Harts, WV

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Stories

In 2011, instruments came in from around the country. Some people found us from stories in the news. Others found us through Google and other search engines. Regardless of how they found us, many people showed a lot of graciousness by shipping instruments or meeting us in person to pick up an instrument.

One donor, Robert McWhite, met us in the parking lot of The Walker Art Museum in Minneapolis. He wanted to donate his drum kit that had served him for over a decade. He wanted to share what it gave him with other students of music. Ultimately, the drum kit was packed and shipped to John M. Stumbo Elementary in Gretel, Kentucky, where Mr. Walter Ord is using it to teach students of percussion.

Throughout the year, we picked up and received clarinets, trumpets and many other types of instruments from the Twin Cities, California, Cleveland, Illinois, Pittsburgh and other areas. Most people who donate have an instrument that a son or daughter used and now no longer have a need for it. They want to see it go to a child who might not have the option to participate in band without the use of a donated instrument.

In September, we shipped the instruments to bands around Appalachia. In addition, we arranged to meet Mr. Sean Coughlin, band director of Sheldon Clark High School in Inez, Kentucky. We had received a wonderful donation of snare and bass drums that matched the school colors. We thought it would be a great fit for the school. A short video documentary was made of the trip and posted to the web site (<http://marchingmountains.org/video>).

“This is really great news. I can only imagine what the kids are going to get out of it.

I am very happy with this outcome.”

- Robert McWhite,
musical instrument
donor from the Twin
Cities.

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Be a part of Marching Mountains

Band Directors: join our network by visiting <http://marchingmountains.org> - register your band's program to get started

Community: [Donate an instrument](#) - Please send us your used marching and concert band instruments in good working condition to:

Marching Mountains
1449 Andmore Ave.
Morgantown, WV 26505

If you live in the areas [listed on the site](#), we can arrange to pick up your donation.

Donate funds - Currently it costs about \$25 to pack and ship an instrument to a school in need. Please [donate here](#).

Spread the word! (through FB, word of mouth) Sign up for future newsletters/updates, follow us on Facebook @ <http://www.facebook.com/MarchingMountains> and Twitter @ <http://twitter.com/MarchingMtns>

Marching Mountains is also in search of talented individuals with expertise in Graphic Design, Web application development, Law and [many other areas to volunteer to be part of our project](#).

“Thank You
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