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The Michael David Samel Spirit of Music Fund

The Michael David Samel Spirit of Music Fund ("the Fund"), an Illinois nonprofit public benefit, 501 c (3) corporation, is a memorial scholarship and gift program for high-school age youths who are active participants in music. The Fund was established on October 18, 2001 following the tragic demise of Michael David Samel, age 16, on October 6, 2001, from a traffic accident. Michael was an outstanding percussionist and jazz drummer with the Downers Grove South High School band, Jazz Ensemble, and Marching Mustangs. Michael was not only a fine musician but also a great friend and was about to attain the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Michael was also a part of the Ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. He supported the worship services with his love of music and his love of percussion! Michael also expounded on his love of music to create his own DJ business - Sound Check Entertainment.

The "Fund" was created to provide an additional source of revenue for furthering music education for deserving youth, above and beyond traditional resources. In July of 2002, the "Fund" was incorporated as a nonprofit public benefit corporation in Illinois.

The specific purposes of the "Fund" are to provide scholarships and monetary gifts to further enhance the education of worthy high-school youth, who actively participate in a music and wish to have an opportunity to further their education in music through, but not limited to, seminars, camps, training, lessons, and other related services.

The "Fund" has provided over \$30,000 equipment, scholarships, music lessons, and special seminars for local high school music programs in the past 4 years!

Our 5th "Bike & Hike for Mike" fund-raiser will be on September 9, 2006 to raise additional funds to support the efforts of this foundation. This support of music and scholarships for other students under Michael's name would make him very proud and we want to make sure that this is carried out in his memory.

We would appreciate any contributions, donations or other support, so that his passion for music will continue on through helping others attain their dreams in music. All contributions are tax deductible. Our federal EIN # is 11-3647386.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Mark and Pat Samel

A Non-for-Profit 501 (c) (3) Corporation for the Musical Education of High-School Youth

