



Kids Rock the Nation is a non-profit charity who enhances the lives of young musicians who are motivated to learn and play music, yet are in need of a helping hand to achieve their dreams of creating music. We work with various organizations that work with families dealing with disadvantages or limitations. Our mission is to foster self-esteem through music by recognizing and rewarding potential talent in children ages nine to sixteen years old. Our beneficiaries are selected based on their desire to learn and motivation to succeed. Some of our children live in low income neighborhoods surrounded by negative influences and grow up without a direction. We believe music is one the greatest outlets for children and adults alike to express creativity, create discipline, focus, and create bonds that that can last a lifetime.

Kid's Rock the Nation is teaching them that no matter your life situations, or what cards you are handed, you can change your situation and make a better life for yourself through the power of music.

We have had the opportunity to make a huge change in hundreds of children lives already, and we are on our way to reaching thousands of children all over the world. Every child deserves a chance at being involved in a greater picture, and to speak the universal language that we all call "Music".

When we gift a guitar, the child and his family receive the guitar in front of a public crowd with a dedicated speech from Anthony Wild, our President. His passion and goals are very clear each time he delivers his message. He emphasizes the importance of choices, choosing your own direction, staying out of trouble, and building confidence. Each child and family leave understanding their responsibility of how to take care of the instrument which Anthony hopes will follow into their personal life and morally speaking, the bigger picture of life. The children leave enthusiastic and with belief that the sky is the limit when learning to play music.

We work with each child and family and stay in continuous contact to promote and ensure success. They also receive the satisfaction of learning a new skill, and opportunities to perform before an audience.



EACH CHILD RECEIVES:

- ♪ Guitar (Acoustic or Electric)
- ♪ Lessons from a Professional Musician (5 Lessons)
- ♪ Amplifier (with Electric Guitars)
- ♪ Hal Leonard Guitar Method Book
- ♪ Kids Rock “**Goody Pack**”
 - Guitar Case
 - Extra Strings
 - Pics
 - Guitar Strap
 - Tuner

MUSIC MAKES A DIFFERENCE:

Children who study a musical instrument are more likely to excel in all of their studies, work better in teams, have enhanced critical thinking skills, stay in school, and pursue further education. *Source: Arte Music Academy. "Statistical benefits of music in education." Statistical-Benefits-Of-Music-In-Education. Accessed July 17, 2014*

In the past, secondary students who participated in a music group at school reported the lowest lifetime and current use of all substances (tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs). *Source "The Benefits of Music Education." VH1: Save the Music. Accessed February 24, 2015*

Regardless of socioeconomic status or school district, students who participate in high-quality music programs score higher on reading and spelling tests. *Source: Hille, Katrin, et al. "Associations between music education, intelligence, and spelling ability in elementary school." Adv Cogn Psychol 7 (2011): 1–6. Web. Accessed February 24, 2015.*

Children with learning disabilities or dyslexia, or those who tend to lose focus with more noise could benefit greatly from music lessons. *Source: "Statistical benefits of music in education." Arete Music Academy. Accessed 7/7/14*

Children who study music tend to have larger vocabularies and more advanced reading skills than their peers who do not participate in music lessons. *Source: Arete Music Academy. "Statistical benefits of music in education." Arete Music Academy. Accessed July 17, 2014.*

GUITAR RECYLCING - We gladly accept and appreciate monetary and equipment donations. We can often fix and tweak minor problems on a guitar.



APPLICATION AND COMMITMENT FOR CHILD AND PARENT/GUARDIAN

Thank you for your interest in Kids Rock the Nation! We would love to learn more about you and your love of music. Once chosen as a guitar recipient, you begin the long journey of becoming a successful guitar player. While we provide equipment, lessons and assistance along the way, the real effort falls on our young musicians and their parents/guardians. Just like many famous musicians before you, success comes from hours of learning, practicing and dedication. We hope this is the start of many years of enjoyment!

Recipient Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ School you are attending? _____

(Applications considered ages 9-16)

What type of music influences you the most? _____

What artist influences you the most? _____

Are you taking, or have you ever taken music lessons? _____

Are music lessons something you want to explore? _____

Are you interested in the Electric Guitar or Acoustic? _____

Three months after receiving your guitar you will be asked to perform in front of an audience to showcase your new and improved music skills! Knowing the dedication, effort, attention and time necessary to becoming successful, what challenges do you feel you may have over the next three months that may prevent you from being fully prepared for your recital? _____

Please list all days and times available that you would be able to study and practice music:

(ex. Sun: 5 - 6:30):

Sun: Mon: Tue: Wed: Thu: Fri: Sat:



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PARENT/GUARDIAN- WHAT YOU CAN PROVIDE:

We often receive the question of how involved the parent/guardian needs to be to promote success in their child. Although every child and family are different, the children of “highly involved” parents almost always excel in guitar lessons. Showing up for lessons, practice sessions, and remaining enthusiastic sets the example that instruction in music is important and valuable to you, which has a positive effect on your child. If the majority of the responsibility is left on the child, we see that in most cases, the child will practice poorly, polishing the sections they play well instead of improving the section they don’t, creating bad habits and very little progress.

The Harvard Family Research Project concluded that parental involvement is associated with higher student achievement. Training in music leads to stronger performance in school and life but that benefit is reduced if the child isn’t really paying attention or learning new material from week to week. Working together as a team, we can begin a successful journey of learning a new skill to becoming a successful musician!

Kids Rock the Nation will start by providing a voucher for five free lessons from a qualified instructor, which we urge you to start as soon as possible and to continue as long as you can to keep improving your skills. You are always welcome to come back and visit us at the jam session or wherever Kids Rock the Nation is playing. You will also receive a practice and lesson book that covers and teaches all basic components of the guitar, musical symbols, playing chords and



much more. Each week a goal should be set to complete a new section so that in three months, you will have mastered the book in its entirety and you are ready for your three month recital!

We strongly encourage a weekly email video to be sent to Kids Rock the Nation showing a sample of your progress. Please email to anthonywild@cfl.rr.com. Either at the jam session, or via video, our donors and other music fans will enjoy hearing your progress!

By accepting this gift from Kids Rock the Nation, you are committing to take your guitar studies seriously and playing seriously, just as you do schoolwork and other responsibilities. The guitar, equipment and lesson book you are receiving are yours to play and enjoy as long as you continue to improve your skills and make progress. We hope that this will be the start of many years of enjoyment from playing it, but if you should ever lose interest, we ask that you return your gift so that we can offer the same opportunity to another deserving young person.

Congratulations again for this achievement! Welcome to the Kids Rock the Nation Family!

Date: _____

Print Recipients Name

Print Parent/Guardians Name

Signature of Recipient

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature KRTN President, Anthony Wild

Guitar donated by _____, gifted on _____.

Guitar Brand and Model _____



INTERNAL DOCUMENT- RECIPIENT HISTORY

Recipient Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____ Email:_____

Who referred (sponsored) the Child:_____

Was the awarded instrument donated or purchased?_____

If Purchased, how much?_____

If donated, by whom?_____

What was the instrument?_____

What repairs were done, who did the repairs and were any other items purchased?

(Please describe as thoroughly as possible)

Total expenditures by KRTN in repairs:_____

Date Presented:_____

Where Presented:_____

Were lessons referred? Y/N

Who referred? _____

Other miscellaneous info related to this exchange between donor, recipient and KRTN:
