

DONATE INSTRUMENTS

HELP NEW ORLEANS

A HOME FOR ALL COLLECTED INSTRUMENTS HAS BEEN FOUND. THE HERITAGE COMMUNITY MARCHING BAND OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA, WILL ACCEPT ALL DONATIONS. LAFAYETTE IS JUST NORTH OF NEW ORLEANS AND MANY PEOPLE DISPLACED BY HURRICANE KATRINA NOW RESIDE THERE. THE BAND HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 1991 AND AFFORDS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INNER-CITY YOUTH TO BE PART OF THE MARCHING BAND EXPERIENCE. ALL OF THE PRESENT DIRECTORS ARE FORMER MEMBERS AND MOST ATTENDED COLLEGE ON SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED BY THE BAND. ALL STUDENTS ARE TAUGHT HOW TO READ MUSIC AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY MANY INSTRUMENTS. THE ORGANIZATION ALSO PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH LEARNING SKILLS, SUCH AS HOW TO STUDY, HOW TO TAKE TESTS AND SELF-ESTEEM BUILDING. THEY PAY FOR OLDER STUDENTS TO TAKE REQUIRED 'ACT' TESTS AND ASSIST THEM IN CHOOSING A COLLEGE EDUCATION. THE SCHOOL IS OPEN TO ANY STUDENT SIX YEARS OR OLDER AND IS FREE OF CHARGE.

All I am asking is that you contact me if you know of any instruments that could be made available for delivery to the HERITAGE COMMUNITY MARCHING BAND this upcoming summer. Any information can be forwarded to me at the addresses listed below. I will arrange for any contributions made available to be picked up. I feel sure the cooperation necessary to make this project successful will be recognized by those in a position to help. Certainly, the inspiration for being able to join together in order to make something positive occur, comes from the city of New Orleans. Hopefully, we can all help to give the people there a reason to believe that their lives may sometime soon return to normal and that the reclamation of their culture may occur. Please contact me at:

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