### Kindness Matters Inc Spring 2019

# Dandelion Fundraising Campaign & Services

Let music speak for the public good!

## **Dandelion Benefiting Concert**

On June 6, 2018, the late afternoon sunshine was blowing a breath of warmth into the beautiful recital hall of the Rivers School Conservatory. A group of talented young musicians in the Greater Boston area gathered here to perform at the Dandelion Concert, raising funds to support those under-served children to pursue music educations but couldn't afford it. The concert was hosted by Kindness Matter Inc, a non-profit organization led by high school students in Massachusetts and California. The whole idea is to let music speak for the public good.



Concert directors and cohosts collaborated well. The concert was directed by Shawn Wu (Noble and Greenough School), Dr. Sandra Hebert (Chamber Music Director of Boston College and Faculty of Rivers School Conservatory) and Dimitar Petkov (Director of Westford Chamber Group). Abigail Li (Newton Country Day School), Sophia He (Newton Country Day School), Shawn Wu and Shirley Hu (Noble and Greenough School) served as emcees and co-hosted the concert.

Abigail Li (Newton Country Day School) opened the concert with her beautiful Suite Bergamasque 1. Prelude by C. Debussy. Shiwei Wan (Berklee College of Music) presented his original composition "Rejuvenate". Karen Li (Winsor School) played Violin Concerto No. 3 by W. Mozart with Dr. Hebert. Henry Tushman (Hunnewell School in Wellesley) played Prelude un Db major Op43 #1 by R. Gliere. Sophia He on Nocturne Op, 72 No. 1 in E minor by F. Chopin. Allison Wang (BB&N) played Skizze No. 4, a sketch of the desolate mountains of Norway by H. Kjerulf. Maggie Zhu (Maria Hastings Elementary School in Lexington) played piano Puck, from Lyric pieces opus 71 No. 3 by E. Grieg. Westford Chamber Group played La La Land Medley, Vivaldi Concerto in A minor by A. Vivaldi, and Dvorak Slavonic Dance No. 2 in E minor. Shawn Wu (Noble and Greenough School) concluded the concert with Concerto in D major by J. Haydn with Dr. Hebert.

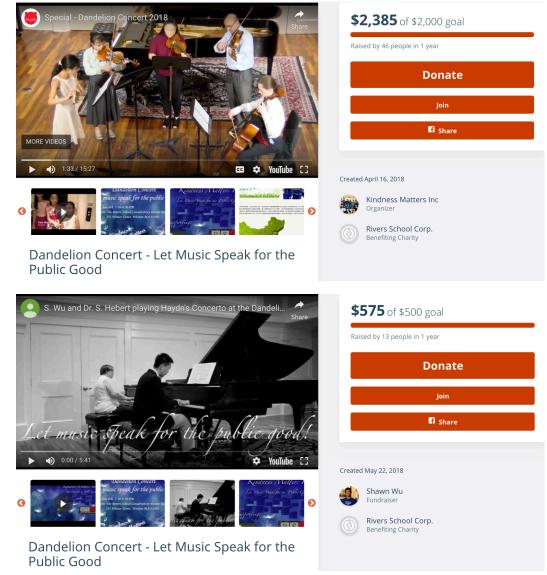


Special thanks to Ms. Ray Sun (Teacher of Noble and Greenough School) and Dr. Hebert for their inspirations and tremendous support.

Volunteer Crew Brandon Li (Milton Academy), Zachary Yuen (Lexington High School) and Yueting Huang (Worcester Academy) dedicated their effort before and during the benefiting concert to make it run smoothly. Dongchun Wang, Lin Tong, Hongbin Wang and Mingquan Zheng volunteered their talents for concert recording and photography. Audio and Video facilities were provided by Westford CAT. Parents volunteers Dr. Li, Tong Liang, Jun Wu and Dr. Liu helped preparing for rehearsals and refreshments.

#### **Dandelion Fundraising Campaign**

The team raised a total of \$2385 online which was donated to the Rivers School Conservatory Annual Fund; and a total of \$2338 offline which was donated to the Dandelion School in Beijing.



Shawn Wu set a goal of \$500 in his personal campaign and raised \$575 in total to support this great cause.

The concert documentary video helped team's fundraising campaign tremendously. Acknowledgment Letter from River's School of Conservatory

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Tel: 781-235-6840 www.riversschoolsconservatory.org
January 3, 2019
Kindness Matters, Inc. 3 Loew Circle
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Dear Kindness Matters, Inc.,
On behalf of The Rivers School Conservatory faculty, students, and staff, thank you for your generous gift of \$2,337.28 to the RSC Annual Fund.
Your commitment will enable the Conservatory to continue to build on its culture of excellence. With its outstanding teaching artists, state of the art facilities, extensive programs, and strong sense of community, RSC is a place where students develop a life-long love for music, self-confidence, critical thinking, and perseverance. With your support, RSC will continue to offer programming that makes Rivers and the Conservatory a destination for new students and new audiences from a variety of backgrounds.
Thank you again for your generous support. Your gift has made a difference.
Sincerely,
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Gabriella Sanna Director. The Rivers School Conservatory

## **Learning Services at Dandelion School**

Twelve Nobles students and two Nobles teachers Ms. Sun and Ms. Liu went to the Dandelion School in Beijing China in March 2019. They presented the donations from the Dandelion Campaign to the Dandelion School and performed learning services there.



Warm welcome from the Dandelion School.

Nobles students Shawn Wu, Alex Bao, Alex Stimpson, Reese Dickinson, Caroline Fai, Niki Apostolicas, Claire Shapiro, Haley Alpaugh, Kait Schuster, Hannah Epstein, Alison McGrath, and Emmanuel Felleke tutoring English at Dandelion School.



Kindness is like sunshine, blowing a breath of warmth from Massachusetts in the United States all the way to Beijing China.