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Dear Mr. Waldie:

On behalf of all of us in the McLane CAP program, I want to tell you again how much we appreciate the support of the New Braunfels Evening Lions Club for our program and to bring you up to date on our current program and our future plans: you are a part of both! Here is a summary:

THIS SCHOOL YEAR WE:

- (1) had our first off-campus activity. In coordination with the Mid-Texas Symphony and the Brauntex Theatre, we arranged for a talented violin student and her mother to attend a concert which featured a violin soloist.
- (2) increased our enrollment from 8 to 11 students.
- (3) added sessions in singing.
- (4) are awarding new music instruments to our graduating class.
- (5) Loaning instruments to each student for use during the summer.
- (6) extended our weekly sessions an additional 30 minutes.
- (7) received a donation of \$3,000 from one of our instructors.
- (8) added 3 new and younger people to our Board to provide additional inspiration.
- (9) began updating our website.
- (10) increased instructor compensation from \$25/hr to \$40/hr.
- (11) received a generous grant from the Evening Lions Club.
- (12) were the topic of a front page Herald Zeitung article.
- (13) are providing videos of each student's performance at our May Recital.
- (14) submitted 15 grant applications.

FOR THE 2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR, WE:

- (1) will have at least 25 students: a 100% increase.
- (2) are adding 3 new instructors.
- (3) adding lessons in two additional instruments: ukulele and the flute.
- (4) opening enrollment to include 1st and 2nd grade students.
- (5) opening enrollment to selected non “at risk” children.
- (6) preparing for programs at the Heritage Village for students from surrounding elementary schools.
- (7) attending off-campus visits to concerts, art exhibits and art schools for all children.

Your generosity is directly responsible for accomplishing our mission: to provide a place where special children can expand their horizons by expressing themselves through the arts.

On behalf of our Board, our instructors and, especially, our kids, *THANK YOU !*

Best regards, Bill.