

Avon Band Together

2016 Annual Report



Making an Impact One Student at a Time

As band supporters, we appreciate the benefits that the program brings to youth in our community, but it is especially gratifying to learn that the teens grasp the bigger picture, too. They understand the opportunity that our members and donors have provided to them. These quotes from recent recipients of Band Together grants provide a sampling of their sentiments:

“Hard work isn’t always fun, but we know we are striving for the ultimate outcome.”

“I realized as I stepped on the field that all of the hard work we’ve been doing is more than just that. It helps us all be something bigger than ourselves. We are learning to work

together. We are learning perseverance & persistence. I am humbled to be a member of this team that has come together to create something amazing.”

In 2016, we received donations ranging from \$5 to \$2000—and each dollar helped to make a positive impact on the lives of the students in Washington township. Our all-volunteer board is miserly with the funds entrusted to us. Last year, we spent less than \$150 on expenses, funneling the rest to fund our mission or to develop key reserve funds for upcoming needs. In 2017, we will continue to maximize support for teens by keeping expenses very low.

Barbara Doll President's Message

Band Together was so-named to symbolize the impact that we can make when we work as a community toward common goals. Thanks to the generosity of our members and donors, Band Together has provided *over \$10,000 to needy students in each of the past two years.* This year alone, pooling our support has helped **8 great kids** participate in the 2016 fall season and experience the thrill of winning a state championship. Now, your donations are working to help support **5 terrific kids** through the winter drumline & guard seasons.

Our work is not done.

We will strive to ensure that all teens in Avon can be a part of this life-changing activity!

Please join, renew or donate today so we can help at least 10 kids in the 2017 marching season.

Financial Position	
Cash at beginning of year (1/1/2016)	\$12,271
Sources of Cash	
Donations (non-membership)	\$4,590
Memberships during the year	\$8,485
Other funds	\$50
Total Income 2016	\$13,075
Uses of Cash	
Band Together Expenses	\$147
Support to the Band Program	\$500
Support to needy band students	\$11,325
Total Expenses 2016	\$11,972

Member Spotlight



Mary Burkhart

Mary has been a member of Band Together since inception in 2012. In 2015, she joined the board, but her efforts with us are only a small part of the many ways she contributes to the band program. Mary's sunny disposition and can-do attitude brighten every room and energizes her team.

Why do you think the band is important Avon's youth?

The band program teaches students to pursue excellence in all their endeavors by teaching the value of a strong work ethic, being goal-oriented, working to reach their greatest potential and the importance of being a team player. These are qualities young people will utilize for the rest of their lives as citizens of their communities.

How does being involved with the program impact you?

For 10 years, I've told people that being involved in the AMBG will make a positive difference in the lives of these students. I've also told them not to minimize the amazing difference it will make in their own lives. The rewards I have received from working with the staff, students and parents of the AMBG, have far exceeded the time I have given. It is my belief that being part of something that is bigger than yourself helps bring passion, purpose and contentment to your life.

In 2016, Band Together received donations ranging from \$5-\$2000. What would you tell people who are thinking about giving, but are un-sure how much to donate?

It is our mission and desire to not let a family's financial situation stand in the way of a student participating in this world-class program. No donation is too small as long as it comes from the heart!

New Program Helps Senior Students Honor Their Supporters

As seniors look back upon their experiences throughout more than 4 years in Avon band program, they often have poignant memories tempered with feelings of gratitude. Now, Band Together encourages senior students to honor people that have been encouraging and supportive to them. For just \$5, the honoree receives a customized certificate of thanks and a 3-month membership in Band Together.



Yes, please apply this donation toward membership, too.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Amount Donated (\$) _____

Make check payable to Avon Band Together and send to us, c/o Mary Burkhart, 10757 Bakeway Drive, Indianapolis 46231

As a committee of the Avon Band Boosters, a 501c (3) not-for-profit, donations to Band Together are Tax-Deductible

2017 Financial Plan

Cash at beginning of year (1/1/2017)	\$13,374
Uniform Replacement Reserve Fund	-\$5,000
Operational and Event Expense Reserve	-\$1,000
For needy band students (Marching 2017)	\$7,374

We still need \$8,626 so we can fund 10 kids this fall