

Avon Band Together

2017 Annual Report



Your Generosity Leads to Genuine Impact

According to the Charities Aid Foundation, over 144 million Americans donated money to charity in 2017 and tens of millions more donated their time, making America the 5th most generous country on the planet. With so many organizations asking for your money, we are deeply grateful that you, our donors and members, have graciously chosen to give some of your hard-earned money to support the kids in the Avon Band Program.

One great thing about giving locally is that you can appreciate the impact your donations make! These quotes from recent recipients of Band Together grants provide a sampling of their sentiments:

"I was told by a number of people that freshman year will be the worst. If that is true, then my high school life will be simply heavenly because, thanks largely to marching band, my freshman year was absolutely amazing."

"Because of the marching band, I have developed time management skills and leadership skills, as well as physical endurance."

"...the best thing that has happened to me in my life."

Avon Band Together provided grants covering 80% of fees to 8 needy teens for marching band in 2017. For the winter season, we have sponsored an additional 5 students to ensure their continued participation.

Barbara Doll President's Message

It's easy to appreciate and gratifying to experience the Avon Band program when you are connected with it—as a parent, grandparent, a Booster, or a staff member. In my case, I have been enjoyed all 4 of these roles!

Many in our community do not have a close connection with the band like Band Together donors and members have. Thus, they may not view band as a vitally important activity. This is concerning because the future of performing arts programming in public schools is never entirely secure, even with the supportive board and administration that we enjoy in Avon.

In the coming months, I urge you to be vocal about your support for performing arts. Talk to neighbors from the heart about the positive way that our band program impacts our kids, our schools and our community. **Be heard!**

Financial Position	
Cash at beginning of year (1/1/2017)	\$14,442
Sources of Cash	
Donations (non-membership)	\$1,457
Memberships during the year	\$11,540
Other funds	\$0
Total Income 2017	\$12,997
Uses of Cash	
Band Together Expenses	\$77
Support to the Band Program	\$1,454
Support to needy band students	\$15,620
Total Expenses 2016	\$17,151
Cash at end of year (12/31/2017)	\$10,268

Through My Granny Eyes – Nancy Nester

Six years ago, my awesome adventure of being a fan of the Avon Instrumental program began. When the oldest grandson announced he was going to be in marching band I was thrilled. Remembering my time in the late 1960's as a member of the Lebanon High School Band Program, marching at the state championships on the track at the Indiana State Fair Band day were some of my fondest memories of those years. Oh, my goodness, this Grandma had no idea what adventures were to come. During the next 6 years as 2 grandsons were part of the Mighty Avon Marching Black and Gold and the Avon Indoor drum lines the thrills and chills were never ending.

From the first Marching Band Show "Oddities", the Rose Bowl Trip through "Test4ment", the trip to San Antonio and all the stops in between my granny eyes were opened. Then watching Drumline starting with the Kokopelli show to this year's show (Re)Imagine and all the trips to nationals at Dayton, this Grandma has been filled with joy, delight and amazement. If I had to select a favorite Marching Band show from the last 6 years, it would be "Drawn to the Flame" and my favorite Drumline show would be "Quarantine". How does one pick a favorite from all the pageantry put on the field by these awesome musicians?

Over my 6 years year I have witnessed babes becoming young adults. The work ethic, dedication, character, perseverance, and responsibility the members of the Avon Instrumental Programs develop are life lessons and lifetime skills. The program builds not only musicians but also outstanding young adults who get it. They are the future of our country and they are ambassadors for the Avon Community

Having a top tier program does come with an expense. The expense is time and money to help with the monetary expense. AVON BAND TOGETHER has undertaken the challenge of providing scholarships to deserving students. It takes all of us joining together to raise funds. Whether one can donate \$1.00 or \$1000.00 no amount is too small. Any amount one can give will have an impact on changing the life of an Avon Band student. Together we can build a strong wall but without your help our wall will only crumble. As Band Together members, we need to work diligently to continue building the wall. Even though my adventure is nearing an end, this Grandma will continue to support Avon Band Together. Please join me in supporting Avon Band Together and mention Band Together to your friends and family.



2018 Financial Plan

Cash at beginning of year (1/1/2018)	\$10,268
Uniform Replacement Reserve Fund	-\$5,000
Operational and Event Expense Reserve	-\$1,000
For needy band students (Marching 2018)	\$4,268

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Yes, please apply this donation toward membership, too.

Name: _____ Email: _____

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

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