



March 2020 Newsletter

Using Your Donations Responsibly

Band Together leadership strives to spend as little as possible on administrative overhead to maximize support to students in need. We are all volunteers who are as devoted to the cause as you are! The only expenditure authorized by the Band Together board in 2019 was the purchase of T-shirts which were then sold at a profit to support our mission.

Balance as of 1/1/2020	\$9,807.65
Sources of Cash	
Donations + T-shirt Sales	\$10,168.12
Total Income 2019	\$10,168.12
Expenses	
T-Shirt Order	\$495.00
Cash Start-up for Community Day and Wed. with Webb	\$300.00
Support to Band Students	\$10,185.80
Total Expenses 2019	\$10,980.80
Ending Balance 12/31/2019	\$8,994.97

Message from the President

On behalf of the board, thank you for your incredible support last year. Your generosity helped 19 teens experience the satisfaction and joy that comes from dedication and hard work.

Being the part of our nationally recognized program offers such wonderful, enriching opportunities for Avon students, but it is also expensive! Fall band fees are typically \$1000 per student. Participation in the winter seasons add additional costs for families; World Guard is \$1500, World Drumline is \$1150, and Indoor Winds is \$800.

We support as many hardworking students as our budget allows each season. The bad news is that there is much more need than we can meet with current donations. When the Band Together grant program started, we were able to give each student 80% of her or his fees. For the 2020 winter season, we were only able to cover 52%. Our goal is to stop this decline and hopefully reverse it - with your help, your generosity, we can!

Did you know - you can now give monthly by visiting [Donate Now](#)

One Student's Story: Cooper Zuranski

Now a freshman honors student in engineering at IUPUI, Cooper Zuranski was previously a recipient of support from Band Together for his first three years at Avon High School. When his parents divorced, his family experienced significant financial stress, but despite this, Cooper and his mother were determined to keep him in band and drumline. Cooper even founded a yard care business to help pay the balance of his program fees. When Cooper's mother finished school and was able to get a better job just before his senior year, they no longer requested support from Band Together, freeing up dollars for another needy student.

Recently, Cooper told his inspiring story and explained how Band Together made such a positive difference in his life. See his interview at [Cooper](#)

Imagine how many other stories like Cooper's are in our community. Your donations change lives.

**Donor's Corner - Kevin & Gwendolyn
Hartzell**

1) What makes the Avon Band program important to you?

The Avon band program has taught so many valuable life lessons to our oldest son, Vaughn. It has taught him perseverance, hard work, focus, time management and how to be the best version of himself.

2) What do you think the Avon Band program brings to the school/students? The Community?

The adults that work with the band kids are phenomenal. They pour countless hours and effort into our kids. The adults know how to motivate our kids to a level that I did not know was possible. It's wonderful, as a parent, to watch this process.

3) What was your biggest surprise about band? (for example, the number of practices, the impact on Vaughn etc)

We didn't know what to expect his freshman year. I had heard that the band practices a lot in Avon. I wasn't prepared for how much my child would enjoy practicing and performing. Vaughn chooses to be in both outdoor and indoor seasons. I never would have thought he would choose to work that hard all year long, especially while taking challenging academic courses.

4) Describe your favorite moment from the Unbaroquen season.

We loved the whole season. It's hard to pick one moment. We love going on Thursday nights to see the progression of the show. We loved the concept of 8 notes and the way our kids clearly loved performing the show. We invited our extended family to see nationals and ended up with 13 people coming to see Vaughn perform. He had a big cheering section. It was a wonderful night to share our child's performance with family.

5) Why did you decide to donate to Band Together when there are so many worthy charities to choose from?

We saw the effect that band can have in a child's life. It has been such a positive experience for our child, that we wanted to help other children have the opportunity in our community.

