

## **Kids Make Music**

Kids Make Music is an offshoot program of Smart Fun, Strong Kids. A generous donation from the nonprofit Katrina's Kids has made this program possible. Its aims are to bring music into foster children's lives, and this can be done through provision of portable instruments, possibly lessons, concert tickets, and other needs related to the making and enjoyment of music.

As we all know, many of our children change homes several times before they are adopted, return to the birth home, or age out of care. Often they leave a placement with little or nothing of their own. We intend for any instrument given to a child through Kids Make Music to remain that child's own, not to be withheld as a form of punishment or to be taken from the child when he or she is moved to another placement, returns to the birth home, or ages out of care.

We know that music is healing, that it helps in brain development and enhances learning in other fields. It can also enable children to participate in music-making group activities in which cooperation, social skills, and responsibility to a greater endeavor become additional benefits. We want our children to have the opportunity to hear music, make music, move to music, and feel music daily in the world around them. Music truly does soothe the soul.

*Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes  
and curl my back to loneliness. – Maya Angelou*

## Application for Help from Kids Make Music

Please complete the following section for requests from Kids Make Music, an offshoot of the SCFPA's Smart Fun, Strong Kids program. Applications should be completely filled out, with as much information as possible about what you need. If you'd like to talk this over before filling out the request, contact Kim Cannon at (803) 606-3431, [Kim@scadoptionsupport.org](mailto:Kim@scadoptionsupport.org) or Cheryl Herring at (803) 521-6735, [Cheryl@scadoptionsupport.org](mailto:Cheryl@scadoptionsupport.org).

Foster parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: SC Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s)/email address \_\_\_\_\_

Information about your foster child and what's needed:

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age and grade level \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument or other music-related activity you and the child are interested in, including any additional contact information that may be helpful:

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I confirm that I have received a copy of the Kids Make Music application agreement (following).

Foster parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Agreement

I understand that any instrument requested in this application must be portable.

I understand that any instrument we provide or help provide is to belong to the child, is never to be withheld as a form of punishment, and is to go with this child if he or she leaves my home if the instrument is still cherished. If the child loses interest or wants to go to another instrument, the original instrument may be passed on to another foster child or returned to the SCFPA.

I understand that I can discuss our needs and any logistics of meeting these needs with Kim Cannon or Cheryl Herring at the contact numbers or email addresses above.

I understand that I may have to make some reimbursable payment upfront to get this request accomplished (we hope not, but just in case . . .).

I understand that I'm responsible for getting my child to and from any activity provided through this application (lessons, musical events such as concerts, rehearsals, etc.) unless otherwise arranged.

I will notify SCFPA right away if my child/youth is moved prior to SCFPA's granting and meeting this request. If it can be arranged and agreed upon, SCFPA will grant the request to the child in the subsequent placement or return to the birth home.

I agree to participate, if asked, in follow-up phone call(s) or email(s) to help the SCFPA track this program's success. I understand that I can at any time talk over any glitches or concerns with Kim Cannon or Cheryl Herring and get help in resolving them.

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Signature and Date

*Please email these forms to [smartfun@scfpa.com](mailto:smartfun@scfpa.com)*

*Kim Cannon 803-606-3431 or Cheryl Herring 803-521-6735*