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The Founder's Page

Inspiration is the Key

By Rev. Dr. Crystal Bujol, November, 2017



Dr. Elaine Word and I were working on a grant application for one of the funders who supports the Gifford Youth Orchestra. We have never had an opportunity to simply copy an application submitted to one

funder and send it to another organization. Each one requires new thought to answer their particular questions. This grant was no exception. They asked a question we had not encountered before, "Give us your 100 word pitch on what you are applying for and why our Foundation should support your mission."

It was close to the deadline of when this application was due, so we did not have a lot of time to brainstorm about the answer. Dr. Word was sitting in the office at the time. The walls of the office are filled with photographs of students past and present. She looked up at the photographs on the west wall where pictures of the performing artist group in Las Vegas on a snowy day when they went there to perform with the Las Vegas Jazz Society. Just below, there hung photos commemorating performances at the Surf Resort, and Christ by the Sea, and Holy Cross. Looking down on Dr. Word was a photo of Sukesha Crosdale and Dr. Bonny from a visit to the VNA rest home, a time when Sukesha went there to play her new violin for Dr. Bonny. In another photo, Jamari was smiling with his face painted from one of our Valentine's Day Thank-you Tea. And Jazz O'Neal was intensely playing the cello (that girl really could play that instrument)! Another

photo was of Joan Haar showing Ariel how to hold the violin when she first began her studies.

Elaine sat with these photos, these images of children who had come to us in as long ago as 2003. She listened to their silent voices. She pondered what they were saying to her as she contemplated an answer to the question, "Give us your 100 word pitch on what you are applying for and why our Foundation should support your mission."

Of course, we know that photographs can't speak. Right? Then why do we also say, "One picture is worth 1000 words?" It is because we can see in the images things for which there are no words. There is a spiritual connection between pictures and thoughts. Spiritual, not religious. Of the spirit.

The word "inspiration," comes from the root Inspirare, a compound term resulting from the Latin prefix in (inside, into) and the verb spirare (to breathe). Inspiration means to breathe into. The pictures breathed into Dr. Word. She was inspired. She wrote her answer, which today, is the way to explain, 'Who we are, What we do and for Whom we do what we do.'

I am inspired by the amazing children who join our program. I am inspired by the commitment of their parents. I am inspired by our fabulous, hard working, incredibly loving staff. I am deeply inspired by the generous support of our donors and volunteers. I am forever inspired by the incredible dedication of the Gifford Youth Orchestra Board of Directors. People, places, and pictures have inspired others who are in our Gifford Youth Orchestra family. They, too have been "breathed into" by someone or something. Spirit to spirit.

I am inspired and blessed by the phenomenal dedication and organizational abilities of my fantastic Director of Programs. Iva Powell-Perry who has breathed new life into the Gifford Youth Orchestra Programs.

Joan Haar our music director recalls that she was inspired by the two music teachers she had in college. "They uplifted their students by their personal joy from music and just being with their students. They promoted their students. They were encouraging. Fun to be with them. This is what kind of teacher I have tried to be."

There isn't room in this program to talk about all the things Larrissa Thomas- Pelt has done for the GYO. Nevertheless, she is the chairperson of the annual printed program for our Annual Concert, who has been a GYO parent for over ten years, and a board member for six years. She has felt inspired to work very hard to help insure the continuation of the GYO. I asked what inspired her. What breathed into her? She said, "I do what I do for the Gifford Youth Orchestra because I am a part of the community it serves. The orchestra has been nothing but a positive intricate part of my children's lives and experiences. I owe service to this great organization that continues to influence Gifford in a very positive way. I am inspired by the light that continues to shine from within the Gifford community because of this organization. I am inspired by the countless donors outside and within the community for the much-needed financial support. It's amazing and unbelievable knowing the hearts of our supporters."

Board Member, James Parks, has been an ardent supporter of the GYO for years. Like Larrissa, there is not room in this publication to tell you all of the projects, gifts, donations, food, and energy he has given. He has been inspired to support the GYO for the last nine years! Something about our children, their success, the staff, the results of our program have breathed into him. Spirit to Spirit. He

wrote about what inspires him to stay connected to the GYO, "Yes, the GYO is a wonderful opportunity for a young person who may not have been graced with a silver spoon, or even a high quality plastic spoon. Though an education is available for all young people in this county, history has surely proven, graduating from high school does not mean you will be "educated". GYO is opportunity! The students that are fortunate enough to have someone in, or outside their family, directing and giving them this opportunity are fortunate. With perseverance, they will leave high school with a talent. No need for idle dreams of professional baseball, football, basketball, hockey, soccer, tennis or other seemingly high profile opportunities. They leave with a talent!"

As you look at the pictures of our children in this program, listen to them on our web site, and read their stories online, perhaps you will be inspired to get involved; give your time; give your money; give your blessings and endorsements to promote and preserve the essence of what Dr. Elaine Word was inspired to write when she sat in the shadow of those students. What did she write?

The Gifford Youth Orchestra in a Nutshell

The Gifford Youth Orchestra changes lives. The GYO gives tools to at-risk children who face the prospect of remaining in a cycle of poverty. The GYO gives children a reason to hope and to dream. The GYO keeps children off the street and on the stage. The GYO spotlights children who are often characterized as being worthless, less than, and a threat to society. The GYO says to those children, "Yes, you matter — and yes you can!" The GYO uplifts an entire community. And, for all these reasons, we passionately believe that our theme is our inspiration to serve:

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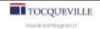


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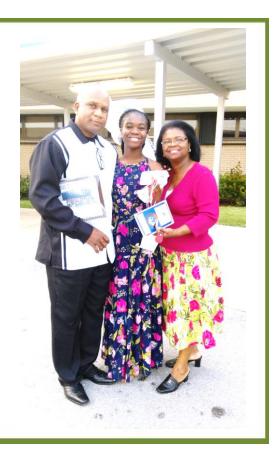
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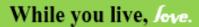
In ALL thy ways acknowledge him, He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:6

We love you! Mommy & Daddy



Thank You

Gifford Youth Orchestra!



While you breathe, sing.

While you walk, dance.

While you work, shine.

While you see, dream.

And always play your instruments to brighten up the day.

Windfred & Denise Smith



DJ, we are so proud of how far you have come in the past year. Keep up the good work!

Love, Mom, Troy, & Lily



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To



Jada Alexandria Powell







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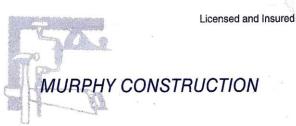
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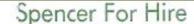
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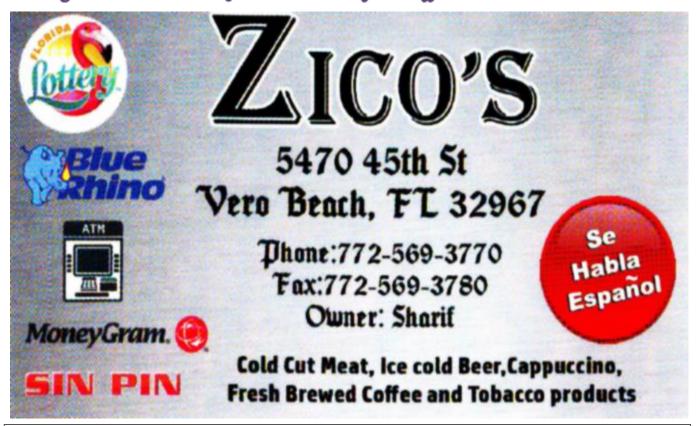
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Watch over her and keep her safe.
Let her be very happy in life
and know that she is
Deeply Loved Forever and Always.
We are so Proud of You!





Papa - Ned Nana - Tomasina Brother - Trevin





Vivi,
If you can see it, then you can do it,
If you just believe it, there's
nothing to it.

Auntie believe you can fly,
Auntie believe you can touch the sky.

I'm, so proud of you and your accomplishments. Continue to spread your wings.

Keep God first and fly, Fly, FLY. Hey cuz, I believe in YOU! With Love,

Auntie Tammy Odom Walden & Family

Congratulations, Viviandra







Auntie Love You Viviandra!

I pray that you Trust & Always Obey the Lord!

Love,

Aunt Natalie

Congratulations MeicaEeja!

We Love you and are so proud of your accomplishments.

Continue to reach for your stars.

For if you can Dream It you can Achieve It.



Love ~ Your family

Viviandra.

You CAN be all you WANT be.

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You CAN be a singer.

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You CAN be joyful.

You CAN be a thinker.

You CAN be a listener.

You CAN be aware of others.

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I am so pleased with your accomplishments. You are growing up to be such a lady. Stay focused on your goals and continue to DREAM BIG.

I love you dearly, Grandma Ann

TATIANA



You're Awesome!



Pappi, Alexis, and Mommy

congratulations







Love,
Arielle Jones

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Alexandria (Jada) Powell Congratulations on your Achievements!!







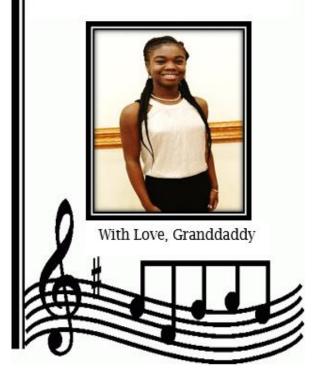
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Choir Under the Direction of Courtney Godwin

Photo Session ~ 5 minutes

Fresh Hot Grits - folk tune

Fiddle Tune & Fancy - folk tune

Gavotte by P. Martini - Tatiana Wallace - accompanied by Ryan Kasten

Twinkle - folk tune

Concerto in A Minor - 1st Movement - A. Vivaldi - Alexandria Powell - violin solo accompanied by Ryan Kasten

Piano Student

Allegretto II - Carl Czerny - Jeanne Perry - piano

Frere Jacques - folk tune

Concerto No. 5 in D Major, Op.22, 1st Movement - F. Seitz - Luke Pelt - violin solo accompanied by Ryan Kasten

Mozart Serenade - W.A. Mozart

Choir Interlude

Hallelujah - Leonard Cohen - GYO Chorale

Glory - John Legend & Common - GYO Chorale

America - Pryscalina Douzable

Choir Interlude cont.

French Folk Tune - traditional arr. by S. Nelson

Arkansas Traveler - Rebekah Dougall

The King's March - J. Clarke

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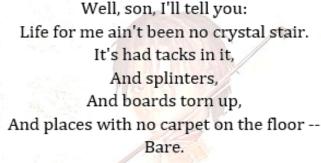
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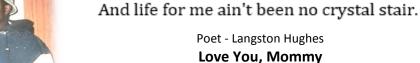


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But all the time
I'se been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now -For I'se still goin', honey,
I'se still climbin',



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"Stay in tune with the universe," and the universe will stay in tune with you. Be on the side of the law, daddy loves you!"

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: ²For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

Congratulations Luke & Javaani and all of the Gifford Youth Orchestra Youth!





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Luke Pelt and the Gifford Youth
Orchestra continue to "Praise Him with
stringed instruments...Let everything that
has breath Praise the LORD...Praise Ye
the LORD."

You will show me the path of life, In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

-Psalms 16:11

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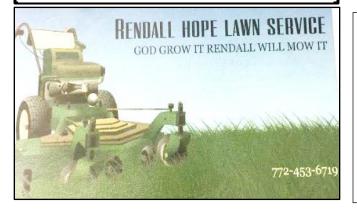
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Love You, **Laryness Sears**



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JAVAANI

Keep up the good
work and NEVER give
up! Remember...The
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beginner!! Good
luck on your
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We love to hear you play your violin

Love,

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"I'm very proud of you niecey! NEVER give up & strive to continue to be a Great Diva!"



Love, Aunty Chelsey, Uncle TJ, & TJ XoXo

Javaani Taliyah Grant



The sky is the limit!

JAVAANI

We are So proud of you!!



Love Mommy, Daddy Mario, & MJ

GOOD LUCK

Princess Javaani Taliyah Grant

Play that music beautifully!

You are truly Amazing!



Love Daddy, Tenia, Uncle BJ & Uncle Quamik

Javaani We Love You!





I'm proud of you Javaanil Keep up the good work! Love,

Aunt Bertha



Many Blessings and Success

With Love from Auntie Saundra, Uncle Quin, Cousins Telshea, Kira & Michaela

CONGRATULATIONS JAVAANI!





Jada Alexandria Powell

Congratulations on All of Your Accomplishments ~ Your hard Work, Dedication, and Perseverance will not go unrewarded ~ Focus on Your Goals and Your Future ~ Those two Behind You Are paying Attention and Look to You for Leadership ~ Continue to Lead with Confidence and Love ~ They will Follow ~



We are EXTREMELY PROUD of You!!

WE Love and Appreciate you and your efforts,

Mom and Dad

"Let us become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9

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Jeanne Arielle Perry

Congratulations on being the
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an AMAZING accomplishment!
I am Amazing!
YOU are Amazing!
WE ARE AMAZING!



You are the Best Jeanne Ever! We Love You, Mom and Dad

Alexandria "Jada" Powell



It is truly a blessing to have you in my life. You are an amazing young lady. Keep praying. Continue to strive to be the best. Congratulations on all your achievements with the Gifford Youth Orchestra. Keep on Keeping on!

I Love you, Auntie Dot

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Viviandra Phinizee

You're Hard Work and Efforts to Succeed are Commendable.

We Support You! Congratulations on Your Achievements!

Continue to Reach for the Stars!

We Adore You!

Doris Little, Kathy Darville,
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Congratulations and Best Wishes to Viviandra Phinizee

on your pursuit of mastering the violin.

Beauty isn't about having a pretty face. It is about having a pretty mind, a pretty heart, and most importantly a beautiful soul.

Wishing you the very best!

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Rev. Stanley Dawson, Sr. Pastor

Congratulations Viviandra!

We are extremely Proud of You. Continue to Reach for the Stars and Never Give-Up!!

Love Always,

Auntie Jo and Uncle Phil and Cousin Mika



Viviandra Phinizee

You are a wonderful daughter and I am so proud of you. Congratulations on your violin

successes and your success with the Gifford Youth

Orchestra. You are truly an amazing child!! Keep up the good work!! Make us proud!!



"Let your life be like Windows where love can shine through reflecting the Lord in whatever you do"

Love You Dearly,

Your Mommy ~ Tearcka Phinizee

Viviandra Phinizee

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Congratulations on Your Achievements!

Continue to Reach for the Stars!

We Adore You and Love You Dearly!





Auntie Patricia Jennings, Auntie Angeline Washington, Cyril Jones, Jerran, Jerah and Jiriel, Karleen and Keegan, Leonard Jennings, Auntie Chasta Phinizee, Granddaddy Tyler, Grandma Willie Mae, Granddaddy Theo, Auntie Mary and Libby and Deborah Page

In Support, of Viviandra Phinizee



And the Gifford Youth Orchestra, Inc.

"And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals."

2 Samuel 6:5

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS VIVIANDRA IN ALL OF HER ENDEAVORS.

Eddie Hudson, Ed.D.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR PERFORMANCES! Viviandra Phinizee

You are a star shining brightly for others to see; make us proud.

> **Lovingly yours Venda Rhea Burgess**



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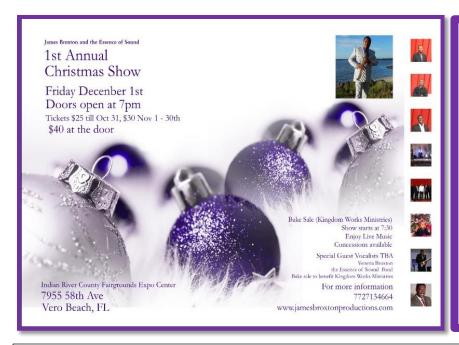


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Who We Are ~ What We Do ~ Why We Do What We Do!

GIFFORD YOUTH ORCHESTRA MISSION STATEMENT

As our contribution to the idea of breaking the cycles of poverty and leveling the playing field for children in Gifford, our Mission is to provide education, experience and training in various cultural and performing arts, including music, drama, dance, and the vocal arts for the youth of Gifford, Florida (and neighboring Indian River County communities), with a core focus on mastering stringed instruments.

Our slogan is – More Violins – Less Violence – Better Tomorrows.

Our motto is: "Each One Teach One".

Our students developed their own theme to describe their purpose "Off the Street – On the Stage."

IMPACT OF THE GIFFORD YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Using music as our initial teaching tool, we give students specialized training which, along with their home and spiritual training helps them make better choices as they grow. Participation in the Gifford Youth Orchestra (GYO) changes the paradigm of the students such that they have new skills that helps them rise above the expectations of uninformed adults and peers with limited knowledge of who our children really are. GYO children thereafter become more productive members of the community and identify college and career options that heretofore might not have been in their consciousness. At the onset of their entrance into a GYO class they begin to embody the theme, motto and slogan in the above mission message, especially when they play their instruments in their first performance!

BEYOND THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION

The side-effects of our mission statement are greater than the mission! The children have fun. They prosper. Their grades improve. Their behavior improves. They focus more. They learn a new language (music), and become part of a new cultural group (musicians) and as a result ... these children uplift and empower other young people!

EFFECT OF MUSIC ON CHILDREN'S INTELLIGENCE

There is extensive research on the topic of music and child**ren**'s intelligence which proves that playing an instrument positively affects educational outcomes, especially as a result of playing and listening to classical music. Children who play a musical instrument are more likely to finish high school and go on to college. They perform better in math and science, and have an easier time learning languages. Music has also been shown to be transformational in creating cycles of success and effecting social change. 100% of the GYO High School Graduates are either enrolled in or have completed their college education!

LONG—RANGE PLAN

Our mission statement states that we offer string instruments as our major element of music education. We have a 13-year history of accomplishments and benefits to our students, but we have other dreams. We want to touch the lives of more children by expanding our Music Education Program for Gifford and Neighboring Communities by offering: a program for children from age 2-6; a program for young adults from age 18-30; and the GYO Community Choir for children age 7-18, beginning in January 2017 under the direction of Courtney Godwin!

Epilog: "I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning" — Plato

CONTACT INFORMATION

Our Mailing Address is: P. O. Box 691166, Vero Beach FL, 32969

Donations can be made through Pay Pal on our web page: GYOtigers.org

For more information about registering new students Future Performances, Performance Requests,

or Any Questions about Who We Are and What We Do,
Contact Dr. Crystal Bujol, 772-778-5118/ GYOrchestra@aol.com
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