



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE GULF COAST

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Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast Benefits from Recovery through the Arts

Many Voices Foundation donates upright piano to Qatar Center at Pass Christian

Gulfport, MS – The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast received a generous donation of an upright Yamaha piano for the Qatar Center at Pass Christian. The donation was funded by the sell of a compilation CD made by members of ABC Daytime's "One Life to Live" cast.

The CD was created more than four years ago to benefit those affected by Hurricane Katrina. With a mission to "recover through the arts," the One Life, Many Voices Foundation donated three upright pianos to students in southern Mississippi, as well as a grand piano to a theater company in New Orleans. "This is a great enhancement to our art program," commented Greg Gipson, Director of Operations for BGCGC, "It is important for our members to be exposed to the art of music. We showcase the talent of our members whenever we can through music and performance."

According to their website, since the original "One Life, Many Voices" CD was made available, the non-profit group has funded more than 50 music scholarships for junior high and high school students to the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA) and the Louis Armstrong Jazz Camp, mailed out 1,000 baroque wooden recorders to elementary schools, and donated two additional upright pianos.

The group's CDs are no longer being distributed through regular sales channels, but they maintain "a commitment to help and support in any way we can," according to Robin Strasser (OLTL's Dorian Lord), producer and project coordinator. "With an official letter establishing the not-for-profit status of a religious group, school, service organization or other 501(c)(3) organization, 'One Life, Many Voices' will be proud to supply CDs, free of charge, to use as fundraisers for local efforts," she added.

For additional information about the Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast please contact Michelle Wilson or visit our website at www.bgcgulfcoast.org.

About Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast:

In 2009, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast had approximately 2500 registered members and served 1400 youth through the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast New Hope Program, which is a school based therapeutic behavioral facilitation program. Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Pictured from left to right: Qatar Center at Pass Christian members, Brendon Barnes, Jared Bosarge, Julia Battles, Emily Pickich and Thomas Clemens.

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