

The Donna Pendley Fund Continues to Widen Horizons for Whittier Elementary School Students

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According to many educators, activity in either sports or music is a big factor for some students in whether or not they will continue in school.



This fall 14 Whittier Elementary School students, more than ever before, are playing instruments rented for them by interest proceeds from the Donna Pendley Memorial Fund. Students whose families are unable to afford the instrument rental fees would be unable to participate in orchestra were it not for this fund. Since most are also unable to have private lessons, they are taught to

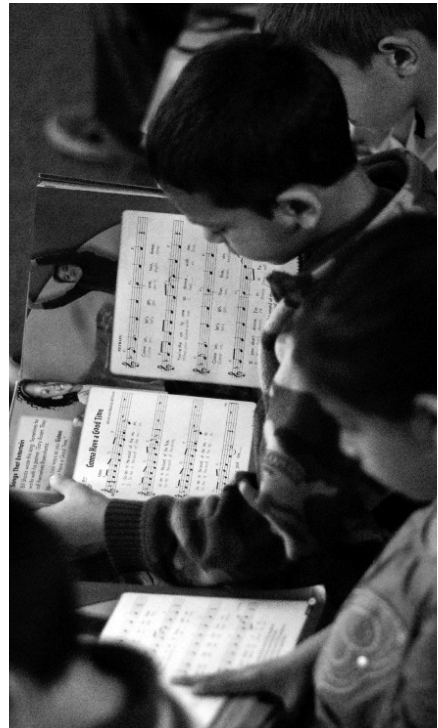
play their instruments by the orchestra leader who travels among several schools.

The Donna Pendley Memorial Fund was established in 1994 to honor the memory of Donna Pendley a musical, joyful BUUF member, who lost her battle with cancer at the age of 33. She had expressed her fear to friends that since she had lived so few years she would not be remembered.



The fund has grown to around \$17,000 and is administered, along with other permanently restricted funds, by the Boise Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc. The principal is held inviolate and interest is cumulative so that even in bad investment years there is money available to the school. Each year the Christmas Eve offering is added to this fund, and from time to time, friends and

members of the congregation make individual contributions to the fund in memory or honor of friends and family.



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