

Music Haven: Testimony

Music Haven empowers and connects young people through exceptional tuition-free music education, mentoring, and performance by its resident professional musicians in the heart of New Haven's Fair Haven neighborhood.. It is a transformative program; without it our families could not afford this instruction and mentorships. All students come from New Haven's designated Promise Zones. We depend on state arts funding; although we have many individual donors, we must raise the money for our free services on our own. Our dedicated musicians are building life-long relationships with our students. Our high school students mentor younger students and our first high school graduates are all attending college and come back to visit and check in. The Haven Quartet and our youth quartets and trios play concerts in the community. The discipline involved in learning to play an instrument and struggling through the rough patches provides lessons and resilience that carries into all areas of life. These wonderful young students will be positive contributing members of their community.

Please continue your support of Music Haven!

Laura Altshul

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