

LETTER FROM LONGTIME MSSL MEMBER MATTHEW KELSON, A STUDENT OF KATHLEEN SUMMERLAND. PLEASE SHARE THIS LETTER WITH YOUR POTENTIAL DONORS.

Hello all,

This summer I travelled to South Africa, visiting a good friend of my mom, Lorato Sherpenhuyzen. Lorato is a community leader in the Johannesburg area who organizes change and progress through community projects. Her affiliation with the Orlando West Brass Band exemplifies her particular desire to improve the lives of South African teenagers. Through Lorato, I was able to meet the kids of the Orlando West Brass Band, a group of about 15 high school musicians, and I became aware that their instruments had been stolen a couple months prior. These kids have been committed to the band for many years, and music has, in many ways, changed their lives. It is very difficult to see them unable to pursue an activity they are passionate about, simply because they do not have the resources to buy new instruments. Being a part of the Music Student Service League, a student-run organization in Los Angeles, I understood the power music had to create change on the local level. Therefore, I advocated for funding for the group, knowing even the smallest contributions would help. The Soweto Instrument Project has become much more than it was initially imagined it to be, and for that we are very grateful. I thank you for any contribution you might have; before long we might have a band!

Warmly,  
Matthew Kelson

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Note: After expenses,  
10% of the proceeds will  
go to MSSL, 4% will go  
to MTAC-WLA, and the  
remaining funds will all  
go to the Soweto  
Instrument Project.

