

Thank you for supporting Kiwanis Music Festival this year. I think everybody had a great time with the Festival. The choir I sang in was excited to go and wouldn't have gone if it wasn't for you. Nor would have our school sent 7 kids from my grade alone to compete in this festival as soloists.

I also would like to thank you for awarding me a scholarship. Some of the money will be spent on fun, some will be saved, and some will be given to charity.

I also really enjoyed performing at the Kiwanis Showcase of the Stars. This was a very educational and rewarding experience which I will always remember, as will my grandparents, who came to see me.

I don't know anyone who did not have a great time participating in your Festival. Thanks to you happiness is spread throughout the arts.

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Thank you for the letter dated March 18, 2009 and the Bert Gould Scholarship for \$350.00. I trust that I will make full utilization from my scholarship and further my studies in music.

I have to thank you for your generosity and other sponsors who make the Kiwanis Music Festival so successful.

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I would like to start off by saying, thank you very much for the scholarship you gave me. This was my first time ever competing in singing. When my teacher suggested that I enter this competition, I didn't hesitate to say no. I was so excited and eager to have my first experience in competition with other girls my age in the same area. I worked very hard to prepare for it and I tried to be the best. I will use this money to help me further my learning in music and help be a better musician.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

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[Our choir] is the fortunate recipient of the Kiwanis Club of Toronto Foundation Scholarship. This was a great honour for our choirs. We had several choirs from our school taking part in the festival this year; the Grade 1 choir (93 members), the Grade 2 choir (97), the Grade 3 choir (98), the Grade 4 choir (98) and the 144 members of our Grades 5-6 choir which competed in 6 categories.

This year we received lovely comments from our adjudicator. He had very constructive feedback for us to help us to continue our musical development. As

a result of our excellent consistent results we were also awarded for the fourteenth time, the William B. Rothwell Trophy. This award is presented to the elementary school with the best overall participation in the Kiwanis. What an honour and thrill it was for our school to be recognized in this way. Over the course of the festival we competed in 10 classes, obtaining markets ranging from 86 to 97 and receiving all gold awards, as well as 3 Best of Class awards.

We are now working towards the Toronto District School Board's Spring Festival Concert at Massey Hall on May 7, 2009, learning new repertoire for this. We will also be participating in the Ontario Place Music Festival in June for our final event of the year.

Thank you once again for your financial support of this great festival. We will buy some exciting new music for next year and continue on our musical journey.

Your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated!

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On behalf of the staff and students of [school] and the music programme in particular, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in providing the Colonel Peacock scholarship for \$500 in the Bands category. Members of the Junior Concert Band have been told about this gift and were very exciting to hear that they were awarded this money.

Our Junior Band consists of 110 students from the grade 9 and 10 classes. They rehearse once a week outside of class time, every Tuesday after school. It goes without saying that members of this ensemble have worked very hard to prepare for the classes they were entered into at February's Kiwanis Music Festival. The results they achieved that day showed all of them that hard work is often rewarded with good results and positive feedback.

I would also like to say at this time how much I support the Kiwanis Music Festival and all of the wonderful opportunities it provides these young musicians. I appreciate the time and effort that everyone puts in to make this such a successful event for everybody, especially the young people.

Wishing you all the best and continued success with future Music Festivals!

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I am extremely grateful for your generosity. Currently attending [school], music has always been a priority in my life. Having previously taken lessons in both violin and French horn, I was a quick learner as a piano student. I am glad and proud to have come this far under five years of piano training. To be able to

have even participated in Kiwanis was a great joy for me; to hear others and constructive criticism is something I deeply value.

About three months ago, I had decided that after Kiwanis, I would be finished with my piano studies. I have always had a problem when it comes to receiving enough support to help me focus on them. So with this beneficial award came the motivation and encouragement I needed to realize that I should continue with these studies. Working even harder towards a musical career, you have helped me try to attain what I hope will be a just-as-successful year.

Thank you again. Without your support, my piano education would be no more, and perhaps have even led to a loss of interest in music altogether. I hope to participate in next year's festival as well.

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