



Spring 2025

Issue #3

Notes

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of Music,

Congratulations to our talented student musicians and dedicated teachers on their outstanding performances over the past few months. There have been so many concerts, events and memorable moments. Congrats to Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Pizzino-Catalano, Mr. Neubert, and Ms. Vincent and the students in the cast and crew of *Sunset Boulevard*! The time, effort, and passion that the adults and students put into the production was inspiring, the shows were amazing and the kids had the time of their lives! Also in February, the NHS Choir and Concert Chorale performed a medley arranged by a Niskayuna graduate from the class of 1967– it was such a special night and I hope you were lucky enough to be in the audience! In March, guest conductor David Blumenthal from La Guardia HS in NYC worked with our band students and joined them for the district-wide Band Festival at Proctors Theater, and in April, Grammy Award winning artist and Nisky Alum Dominic Fallacaro returned to collaborate with our students and teachers for the district Jazz Festival. At both the Band Festival and Jazz Fest, middle and high school students played together alongside their teachers, and their commitment and collaboration were so awesome to see and hear. These are just a few of the many highlights from the past few months, and I'm so looking forward to what our music department has planned for our students in May and June! Also, Summer Sonata registration is now open! To register visit our website, niskyfom.org.

Thank you so much to everyone who came out to support music education in our schools by participating in our Music in our Schools Month fundraisers. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to support our music department in bringing in visiting artists to work with our students and hold our annual district-wide music festivals at Proctors. We are, as always, extremely grateful for our members and corporate sponsors. With your support, we have been able to assist our musicians on their journeys to Area All-State, All-State, Suburban Council Music Festival, and have continued to honor enrichment grants for our district. And thank you to everyone who has ordered FOM apparel, which is still available for purchase through our website in case you haven't ordered yet!

To our graduating seniors: Congratulations! It has been such a pleasure to hear you perform! You have been such great role models for your peers and your talent, dedication, passion and leadership, is truly awe-inspiring. Thank you for setting the bar so high, and for encouraging the underclassmen to strive for excellence– your love of music has left a lasting impact on our program and students.

Thank you so much to the parents, community members, and Nisky Friends of Music volunteers who help support our music department to make our events possible. If you are interested in becoming more involved with Friends of Music, please consider attending one of our monthly meetings. We are currently seeking an editor to edit our newsletter, *Notes*, which is published three times a year. For more information, please email us at niskayunafom@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook (@niskyfom) or Instagram (niskyfriendsofmusic).

Warmest regards,

~Jillian Fountain

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Welcome to the end of another school year filled with music up to the very last minute that includes 10 evening concerts and community performances at Town Hall and Niska-Day, to name just a few. I hope you have the chance to enjoy our students sharing their time and talent from the stage before summer begins.

The music department welcomed several guest artists and teachers into our schools throughout the year across all grade levels and disciplines. Artists such as Haim Avitsur and Andrea Neumann (trombone), the Navy Jazz Commodores and alum Dominic Fallacaro (Grammy winning producer and composer) are only a few examples. It is through the generosity of the Friends of Music that our students have access to and learn from such a diverse and extraordinary roster of musicians. We are so thankful.

The Friends of Music also finds ways to celebrate students and bring us together. Some examples include support for our middle school students' trip to NYC to enjoy Disney's *The Lion King* on Broadway, receptions for the District Band Festival at Proctors Theatre, our Jazz Fest (Java Jazz) and the upcoming Senior Brunch in June.

Special thanks go to Tracy Koste, our music department secretary. We all benefit from her professionalism and kindness. Thank you to the custodians in our schools and especially to high school head custodian Karen Lasher and her staff, without whom much of what we do could not be accomplished.

Please enjoy this special time of year to reflect on the progress all our student musicians have made, and say goodbye to our seniors whom we wish the very best for. Several of our students are going on to study music education and performance in the fall. We will miss you!

Elementary Instrumental Music

This spring, 3rd grade students will learn about orchestra for next year. 4th graders who do not already play in orchestra will also learn about our band program. Presentations will be made in general music classes and chorus in late May and early June.

Senior Brunch

We're happy to continue our new tradition of welcoming 12th graders and their parents to celebrate with the high school music faculty this June 11th. Please find the flyer later in this edition of NOTES.

Summer Sonata Program July 28 – August 1, 2025

The Nisky "Summer Sonata" music program is a fun, weeklong camp designed for students who are already members of the NCSD bands, choirs, or orchestras. Eligible students who will be entering grades **6-8 for band, choir or orchestra** are welcome. Made possible by the Friends of Music, this exciting opportunity is for students who enjoy music and wish to continue developing their music skills during the summer with Nisky faculty!

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Students can further their musical aptitude and skills, discover music appreciation and knowledge through conversation, performance and "hands-on" projects.

Classes and ensemble rehearsals will be conducted Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon, beginning July 28. The program registration fee is \$150.

Registration forms are available in the District Music Office and at www.niskyfom.org. The forms should be returned to your school music teacher or to the District Music Office at the high school. **Registration deadline is June 27.**

~Eric Hughes



NHS Music Department SENIOR BRUNCH

A Senior Brunch will be held Wednesday, June 11th, 9:30a – 11:00a in the high school MUSIC SUITE. Seniors and their parents are invited to a special event that includes great food, great friends and a fond farewell.

Please join us as we celebrate your many years of hard work and terrific music-making by completing the form below. Cost is \$20 per student or adult. Feel free to contact Eric Hughes (ehughes@niskyschools.org) with any questions or concerns.

WHAT: Senior Brunch
WHERE: NHS Music Suite
WHEN: Wednesday, June 11
9:30a-11:00a

NHS Music Department SENIOR BRUNCH

Student Name _____

Number Attending: ____ @ \$20 each

Total: # _____ \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Niskayuna Friends of Music
Due Date: Friday, June 6th

MAKE A LASTING LEGACY



The Name-A-Chair Project

In order to ensure the future success of the Niskayuna Performing Arts Programs, the community members, parents and businesses are invited to contribute to the Name-A-Chair Project. The names of those making a pledge will be engraved on the arms of the new auditorium seats.

Our Goal

We'd like to kick-off our campaign with 100 seats engraved! Contributions will support improvements in the auditorium to enhance the acoustics on stage, sound technology, and lighting for the audience.

They also make great graduation gifts or to recognize a special musician in your life.

What is the Cost?

Each plate is \$150 for individuals and families or \$250 for businesses. We are a 501(c)3 organization and your employer may match your contribution.

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

Please check one:

- ☐ Individual/Family: \$150 per chair
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- ☐ My contribution can be matched by my employer_____.

Please send this form with your check (made payable to Niskayuna Friends of Music) with "Name-A-Chair Project" written in the memo section to: Niskayuna Friends of Music, Niskayuna High School, 1626 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309

Line 1:

Line 2:

There are 44 characters including letters, spaces and punctuation available per plate, divided into two 22-character rows. No messages please - only names of individuals or businesses will be engraved.

Engraving can include graduation dates, such as "Mary Smith, 1999".

Please return by 5/30/2025.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

An Interview with Mrs. Teresa Broadwell, Former Niskayuna Music Teacher



Where did you grow up?

I grew up in a suburb of Rochester, NY. I graduated from Irondequoit High School.

How were you involved in music growing up? What inspired you? When did you know that you wanted to go to music school?

I sang in my school choruses and church choirs growing up. I started violin lessons in the 4th grade. My inspiration came from my teachers and mentors, but mostly from my older brothers who played cello and violin/viola and got involved in bluegrass and rock music when I was still in my beginning stages of playing violin. Although I was a dedicated classical music student, I was highly motivated to play alternative styles of music as well - including bluegrass.

I was encouraged by all my music teachers to pursue music as a career. I attended Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam where I received my BM in Music Ed.

Tell us about the early days and some memorable moments of the Niskayuna's music program.

My tenure in Niskayuna started in 2000. I was surprised by how small the string program was, so I tried to inspire my students by exposing them to the very best classic orchestra repertoire, but I also wanted them to have an opportunity to play alternative styles as well, so I started *Fiddle Club* at Rosendale, Birchwood and Iroquois. This proved to be a very good idea for recruitment and retention of students, but mostly, the kids really loved playing together in a more casual setting. It broadened their understanding of why we learn to play instruments in the first place! Memorable moments include playing at Music festivals in the area, including the annual *Dance Flurry* festival in Saratoga for several years. Our 8th grade orchestra received a Gold at NYSSMA one year. We also participated in many adjudicated music festivals in Massachusetts over a number of years and always got gold awards. After competing, students got to spend the rest of the day at the Six Flags Park there.

What are your experiences in the music world outside of Niskayuna?

I've been a professional performer my entire adult life. I've always had a band - *Old Time Music* in college, then I transitioned to swing and jazz music after college. I've continued to play out at clubs and events while I was teaching in Niskayuna, and presently play in public many times each month.

Do you have other favorite activities other than music?

I enjoy travel, bike riding and spending time with my grandchildren.

Do you have any advice for students studying music now?

Yes - practice daily. Find music you love, and it will be a joy.

Do you have any advice to students who want to pursue music as their career?

Yes - practice daily and explore all the different areas in the music world where you think your interests and talent would be best put to use. Also, pursue what you enjoy most, and you will find your niche!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOTES

Birchwood Elementary News

The Birchwood Beagles are gearing up for the end of the year! Kindergarten has begun preparing for their *Kindergarten Celebration* in June. They will perform for their families as a way of celebrating the completion of their first year of elementary school! 1st grade has been working on creating & composing this year, especially while utilizing body percussion. 2nd grade recently finished learning all about the orchestra & the different instrument families. They even listened to *Peter and the Wolf* and wrote their own versions of the story based on what they heard! 3rd grade will have their *Country Celebration* in June in which they will showcase what they learned about a specific country they researched, and they will also perform some songs about the world. 4th & 5th grades are preparing for their Spring Concert in May! Some of the 4th graders are very excited to join band next year in 5th grade. We will be very sad to see our 5th graders go at the end of the year, but we are so proud of them and can't wait to see what they accomplish in middle school!

~Rebecca Farrell

Craig Elementary News

Craig students are springing forward with all the things they're doing in music!

Kindergarteners did an excellent job performing their play *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, showing great mastery of their speaking and singing voices, as well as demonstrating good use of classroom instruments!

1st graders are learning more about rhythm and working hard to prepare for their end of year concert in May.

2nd graders really enjoyed their music in different communities' units, and are gearing up to create some ostinatos!

3rd graders are working hard on their world music projects in which they share a bit of information about the traditional music of the country they will present with their *Countries of the World* research projects.

4th and 5th graders have been working so hard all year, and it is really showing! Our 4th Grade Choirchime club and 5th Grade Ukulele club are excited to perform in our upcoming Concert in May, as well as the Craig Virtual Talent Show. And a special congratulations to the 4th graders who were able to participate with *Student First* for the school board meeting this past March! They presented a sublime performance, and I hope created lasting memories of what an exceptional night it was!



~Marilyn Brown

MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES

Mezzo Voce & Capital District Youth Chorale's 9th Annual Invitational

Our select vocal ensemble, Mezzo Voce, was invited to participate in the Capital District Youth Chorale's 9th Annual Invitational at Memorial Chapel at Union College in Schenectady. Together with the Capital District Youth Chorale, our singers as well as those in the Farnsworth Middle School Choir, Tamarac Elementary Select Choir, and the Troy Children's Chorus sang newly rehearsed combined pieces and each performed their own portion of the program. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to perform in such a beautiful space to make beautiful music, and are looking forward to being able to participate again next year!



Mezzo Voce at Memorial Chapel at Union College, conducted by Mr. McCann-Loomis

NYSSMA Solo Festival

Many students participated in the NYSSMA Solo Festival this past March/April, and we are so proud of them for demonstrating their courage and abilities! The feedback that they received for their performances is so important to their development as musicians, and there were so many great things to say about their musicianship. Congratulations to everyone who participated this year!

All-County

Recommended vocalists from Van Antwerp and Iroquois were selected to sing at this year's All-County festival where they had the opportunity to work with guest conductor Robert Soricelli from the Burnt Hills school district. After two intensive rehearsals, the students gave a spectacular performance and we are so proud of them for representing Niskayuna at the middle school level!



*Back, left to right: Tarynn Schleicher, Celeste Joo-Schwaber, Vincent Connell, Zoey Fohftung, Emma Wildermuth
Front, left to right: Evan Buma, John Judski, Kayla Ju, Lily Lean*

~Thomas Loomis

MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES

Iroquois' Musical Production of Seussical Jr.

Iroquois Middle School musicians displayed their talents both on and off the stage for *Seussical Jr.*! Students took to the stage on March 21st and 22nd to tell the stories of beloved Dr. Seuss characters such as Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and the many Whos of Whoville.



Students began rehearsals all the way back in December, dedicating countless hours after school to learning their music, mastering choreography, and bringing their characters to life. Their hard work truly paid off in two unforgettable performances filled with catchy songs, vibrant costumes, and dazzling lights and sets!

Congratulations to all of the students involved!

~Catherine Jantson



HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Choral Corner



Excerpt from "Sir Duke"

How can it possibly be the end of the 2024-2025 school year?! This one has been quick, fun, intense, and full of growth. The final examination in the large ensemble classes is KARAOKE! Some students have elected to perform live solos, duets and trios for their classmates, others are providing a prerecorded video to share with their peers (often including choreography or costuming), and some are submitting a video recording for only Mrs. Catalano to view as per their comfort level. Students are allowed to sing any song that is school appropriate, including songs in other languages in addition to opportunities to accompany oneself on an instrument instead of using a backtrack. We setup the TV in the classroom to project the lyrics along with microphones and speakers to create a supportive and meaningful (and very fun) experience.

CHORAL UNIFORMS

- Students in ***Bel Canto Voices and Studio Singers*** will receive their paperwork for uniforms in the fall, upon returning to school.
- **ALL USED BEL CANTO VOICES and STUDIO SINGERS' UNIFORMS THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR RESALE MUST BE DRY-CLEANED AND TURNED IN BY FRIDAY, JUNE 20.** Students can bring uniforms to the choir room before classes end (or when they are in for testing), or you can drop uniforms at the front entrance of the HS. Any uniform that is stained, damaged or in poor condition will not be accepted for resale and will be discarded. Any uniform turned in for resale that does not have the correct paperwork attached in order to contact the seller will be donated to the Friends of Music. Paperwork will be shared on Parent Square and will be handed out during class in early June.

*With the change in the Niskayuna HS Concert Attire policy (concert black), students with old Ladies First and Concert Chorale uniforms can donate them having been dry-cleaned and in good condition.

Congratulations to **Natalie Dinneen** and **Avery Watson** who performed at the Booster Club Gala on April 10 at Ember and Cork in downtown Schenectady. We love that you created a connection between the arts and athletics as both of these well-rounded students participate in multiple music ensembles as well as on a school sports team.

Sophomore, **Alexis Meservey** attended the SUNY SCCC *Shadow A Music Student Day* in April. Alexis had the opportunity to attend music related classes (theory, aural skills, choir) and highly recommends the experience to others.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Outside Performances:

~**On May 2 at 10:30 am, Concert Chorale** participated in a Naturalization Ceremony held at the high school. Students sang the National Anthem and *Three Patriotic Treasures* in addition to having witnessed the swearing-in portion of the ceremony under the Honorable Judge Daniel Stewart, United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of New York.

~Look for **Studio Singers** at the Niska Day Parade on **Saturday, May 17**. The students will be performing on a float so generously provided by the town and will kick off the day on the Craig School Grounds in the Entertainment Tent at **noon!** We LOVE to see and welcome back alumni students and parents, so please spread the word and invite others to attend.

~**Bel Canto Voices** will once again provide music for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the high school on **Thursday, May 22 at 10:15 am**. All are invited to attend this poignant and moving ceremony that will take place at the flagpole (weather pending).

~**Studio Singers** will be performing their annual Cabaret Concert on **Friday, June 13 at 10:45 am**. *Please head toward the Choir room where we will use the back entrance of the auditorium* as the stage will be setup for this special performance. Students will present duets, trios and ensembles from standard jazz, pop and musical theatre repertoire. Please give yourself ample time to sign in at the front desk (ID required) if you are coming from off grounds. All families, friends, faculty, and staff members are welcome to attend.



HIGH SCHOOL NOTES



Notes of Thanks

To the Niskayuna Friends of Music, thank you for your continued support, whether it be fiscal, moral, in person, or in your kind and encouraging words to our students, families, and faculty. We are lucky to have such a strong arts booster organization and look forward to more collaboration and advocacy next year. Thank you for the ample funding for extra opportunities and enriching activities that deeply benefit and inspire our students.

To the Niskayuna Music Faculty and Staff (including our Director of Music Education, Mr. Hughes): thank you for your commitment and dedication to the students enrolled in our music program and your collegial conversation and support. We are incredibly grateful to Ms. Luanne Hawk, our accompanist, collaborator, wise mentor, and more!

To the singers in the class of 2025: it has been an absolute pleasure working with you, watching you grow, and getting to know you as musicians and people. Please keep in touch, and DON'T STOP SINGING (with family or friends, using your hairbrush as a microphone, or perhaps finding opportunities beyond NHS). You are always welcome to visit and remain in our hearts as you take the next steps after graduation.


If you are reading this, I once again challenge you to this: encourage a child, friend, colleague, or peer to return to the music program if they have drifted away. The wonderful thing about chorus is that it is a team mindset and our success is based on all of us working together for a greater goal. You are always welcome to rejoin – we will be waiting with open arms (and ears)!

Scope out the many arts organizations and performances in the northeast, enjoy some R&R, and see you in September.

~Christina Pizzino-Catalano, Director of Choral Studies

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Chamber Strings News




Niskayuna Art Department

ART
exhibition

Mrs. Sela's 8th Grade students at Van Antwerp MS collaborated with The Memory Project to create one of a kind keepsake portraits for children in rural India.

fri
march 7th 2025
6-7 pm



The Memory Project is a non-profit organization that encourages students to create artwork, which is then sent to children around the world facing significant challenges like poverty or loss of parents, with the goal of making these children feel valued and important through art created by peers from another culture...promoting global kindness and understanding through artistic expression

This event is FREE!
COME CELEBRATE YOUR STUDENTS AND SUPPORT THE ARTS!
MUSIC, SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED

at The Electric City Barn
400 Craig St, Schenectady, NY 12307
Questions? email: dsela@niskayschools.org

Also! There is a fun TRIVIA night to follow!

The Niskayuna High School Chamber Strings once again performed at the Electric City Barn this year in Schenectady, this time for an art show connected to *The Memory Project*, which is a non-profit organization that seeks to create and give away artwork to disadvantaged children in rural areas around the world. This year, artwork was created to send to children in rural parts of India. The Chamber Strings students performed on Friday, March 7th from 6-7pm and played a variety of pieces, from traditional *gig* music to reprises of past concert repertoire. Thanks to the students, their musicianship added a whole lot to the event!



~Brian Mooney

Jazz News

The High School Stage Band and Jazz Ensemble, as well as Studio Singers and Middle School Jazz Band, spent three days with Guest Artist Dominic Fallacaro. Mr. Fallacaro, a renowned musician and producer, is an Alum and Hall of Fame inductee at Niskayuna High School. Mr. Fallacaro is currently musical director and keyboard player in *& Juliet* on Broadway and is also a Grammy Award winner. A culminating concert on April 9th featured all of these ensembles in an unforgettable night after an enriching three days. Thank you to FOM for funding this wonderful yearly event.



HIGH SCHOOL NOTES



Congratulations to **Nicolas Marin**, **Noah Martinez**, and **Nathan Yan** who were all selected for the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award in a three-way tie! The award was inaugurated in 1974 with the consent of Armstrong's widow shortly after this great jazz artist died in 1971. It honors the outstanding jazz musicians at each high school.

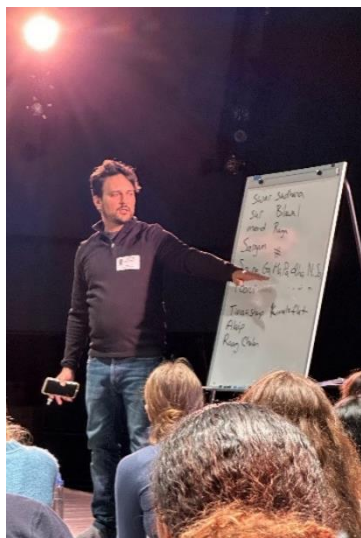
The High School Jazz Band and Jazz Ensemble each have one more performance this year. Look for the Jazz Band at the Town Hall Gazebo playing alongside the Middle School Jazz Band on June 5th at 7PM. The Jazz Ensemble will hold an informal performance during class time outside picnic style sometime in June - date to be announced soon and visitors will be welcome!

Our newly founded Combo Club has also participated in many events this year. To celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month, we collaborated with the Broadcast Club and held and filmed a Tiny Desk concert in the library (link coming soon!). Look for the Combo Club to be featured around area from Farmers' Markets to birthday parties!



HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Concert Band News



The High School Concert Band welcomed MANY guests with the help of the Friends of Music and other donors this Spring! Some of the highlights:

In February, Guest Composer Aakash Mittal visited our campus to work with the Concert Band students on his piece *Salt March* - a piece which explores the concept of the historical march as a nonviolent protest. Aakash spent the day at Niskayuna High School as part of a cross departmental collaboration with the Social Studies department. He with choir and band students in a participatory workshop of Konnakol and Raga, exploring and performing traditional Indian rhythmic singing, presented a session with all Global 10 students on the Salt March movement from a historical standpoint. The visit was made possible by generous funds from the Niskayuna Friends of Music, the High School PTO, the Social Studies Department, Mr. Rickert and the Tri City India Association including a

generous donation from the Muralimanohar family.



In March, we were visited by Guest Conductor, David Blumenthal - Band Director at LaGuardia High School of Music, Art, and Performing Arts in New York City - his visit culminated with our District Band Festival at Proctors - made possible by the Friends of Music.



HIGH SCHOOL NOTES



Later on in March, we were visited by a trombone duo from New York City. Haim Avitsur (Hartt School of Music) and Andrea Neumann (internationally known freelance trombonist). The group performed and worked with students from Niskayuna in addition to SUNY Schenectady, Shenendehowa, and Burnt Hills. This visit was made possible by enrichment grants from the Niskayuna Friends of Music as well as by the other schools involved. Nisky trombonists **Caitlin Li**, **Daniel Korevaar**, and **Noah Martinez** all participated in the masterclass.



HIGH SCHOOL NOTES



And finally in April, we had the opportunity to work with Michael Cordaro, Director of Bands at the award-winning William Floyd High School on Long Island. Mr. Cordaro worked with the High School Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Jazz Band as a free clinic offered by the New York State Band Directors Association. We thank NYSBDA for providing this enriching opportunity!



Congratulations to the following Niskayuna Students who were selected and participated in the New York State Band Directors Association Honor Bands in Syracuse in March! **Sami Lazarus** (8th Grade Iroquois) was selected and played first trombone in the Middle School Honor Band and **Cyrus Joo-Schwaber** (Sophomore) and **Nathan Yan** (Senior) were selected to the High School Honor Band and Jazz Band respectively. Congratulations again to these amazing band students!



~Philip Pandori



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After six years as the editor of our NOTES newsletter, this is Soma De's last issue. She began work in September of 2019 and not only continued to produce an informative and friendly bulletin, but also one that highlights the amazing events the Friends of Music underwrites and sponsors, and helped the community learn more about the music faculty that serves our students. Her contributions continued beyond her daughter's graduation in 2023, something we are especially grateful for. The Niskayuna Friends of Music expresses its gratitude and heartfelt thanks for her dedication and service and for a job well done! We wish Soma all of the best!

GE Foundation Matching Gifts Program

FOM has joined the list of charitable institutions that are supported by the GE Foundation Matching Gifts Program. Through this program, individual contributions of \$25 or more from employees and/or retirees are matched dollar for dollar. Eligible gifts may be registered online on our *membership page* or by phone at 1-800-305-0669.

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