

Dear Lakeland Youth Symphony Parents,

As part of our ongoing efforts to make our organization affordable for the largest number of families and ease the burden of fundraising, **we would like to increase support from our corporate community.**

Companies take their corporate social responsibilities to heart and are proactively looking for ways to support non-profit organizations and encourage citizenship initiatives from their employees. Corporations offer a variety of program to give back to communities where their employees live and work, including:

- Matching gift programs
- “Dollars for Doers” programs (grants set up to encourage employees to volunteer while their company pays anything between \$10-\$15 per volunteered hours)
- Corporate Community Fundraisers
- Non-cash donations (such as the instruments we regularly receive from Karin Menzel violins)

Here are a few compelling reasons to encourage our corporate community to support the Lakeland Youth Symphony: Now in our 60th season, the Lakeland Youth Symphony is **one of the oldest youth symphony in the United States** and one of Morris County’s best-kept secrets. We are proud to be an inclusive, diverse, and **one of the most affordable youth symphonies** in New Jersey. We believe music should contribute to the well-being of children and teenagers in an increasingly competitive and sometimes anxiety-inducing environment. This is why we do not turn any child away and instead place each student in one of our four progressive orchestras.

Parents, will you help us identify the people involved in corporate philanthropy in your workplace?

Usually this only involves making a few phone calls at your workplace. No gift is too small and every company can help as they see fit. **Companies supporting us will be acknowledged on our website.**

To share the information with us, you may either:

1. Complete the slip below and have your child return it to their next orchestra practice **OR**
2. Email the information to viola player parent Laurence Ibrahim Aibo (laurence.ibrahimaibo@gmail.com)

Thank you for making our organization stronger through community corporate support,

Laurence Ibrahim Aibo, Lakeland Youth Symphony Grant Writer
Pam Heinrich, Lakeland Youth Symphony President

Your name: _____
Name of your company: _____
Person to contact in your company: _____
Comments or initiatives you know are happening your company: _____

