

Dear Family and Friends,

I am joining the 8th Annual WALK FOR MUSIC on Sunday, May 22, 2011. This fundraiser supports all types of music programs in Boston's neighborhoods and surrounding communities. 100% of the pledges raised will go straight to these music programs (and is tax deductible)! I will be part of the _____ team, and my personal goal is to raise \$_____.
(RECOMMENDED GOAL: \$1000)

The walk is a simple two mile route, so I'll be able to bring my family with me. There will be musical performances all along the route, as well as a rally at the end to show our support for music in our communities. More information about the Walk for Music is available at www.walkformusic.org.

I believe in the need for music and music-making in our lives. But many local music programs face real financial threats. Tickets and fees do not cover the full cost of doing business. Most small, neighborhood-based music programs cannot get grants. Budget squeezes have left many programs under-funded or unfunded. Unless we join together, the music programs in our schools, churches, community and arts organizations will quietly disappear. And it's already started to happen!

I hope that you are able to support me with a pledge toward the Walk for Music. Checks can be made out to _____ and sent directly to me at _____. I'm really looking forward to participating in the Walk for Music, and I welcome your pledge to "keep music alive in our community."

Thank you,
