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LOCAL KIDS NEED YOUR HELP!

KINGWOOD, TX – Nothing resonates louder than silence. And that's a problem if you're a band.

That's just the position the Ross Sterling Middle School band finds itself in. Currently there are 18 students who cannot afford their instruments, leaving a huge void in the sound coming from the band room. With only days to go before dropping these kids from the program, a parent contacted Will's Kids for help.

A local organization built on the premise that the inspiration and encouragement of even one child makes the world at large a better place, Will's Kids jumped in and is now asking for your help. "I was praying for a miracle – an angel to rescue these kids," says band director Cary Dalton. "There are no words to express my gratitude."

Some of these kids have been in band for several years, playing school-owned instruments in elementary programs. Now that they've moved into middle school, the need exists for them to acquire their own instruments, and that's a problem for some.

"There are many instruments collecting dust in attics or closets of homes everywhere," says Will's Kids executive director, Janet Hayes. "If you no longer need them and can contribute to the future of a child, we will put them to good use! We are especially looking for flutes, clarinets, trumpets, and trombones, but we can trade any instrument donated for one that's needed."

As an alternative, cash donations are welcome for the sponsorship of a child and the purchase of an instrument. Each instrument needed costs \$350 and all donations are welcome!

"This is so important," says Hayes. "Not only do music programs offer scholarship tracks, they make a huge difference in the lives of kids during a very critical and vulnerable time of their development. Kids in activities such as this are much more likely to excel in school and continue on to higher education."

Organized as a pay-it-forward venture, Will's Kids is dedicated to developing human potential and making a positive difference in the lives of kids in need. If you can help these kids make music and grow dreams, please contact Janet Hayes at 281-594-0548 or via email at jhayes@willskids.org. Every donation is appreciated!

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Will's Kids assists with ongoing private lessons, little league and youth activities, school activities, technology acquisition, tutoring, scholarships, etc. for children ages 4-18. For kids who are inspired to be great at something, we seek to eliminate the barriers to success, exclusions to imagination, and limits to dreams. Our outreach is as vast as a child's imagination, encompassing all sports, arts and vocations. For more information, visit us online at www.WillsKids.org.