

Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

Dear Enthral Inc. and Adam Ainsworth at Hammond Ashley Violins,

I'm writing this today to thank you on behalf of KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy for the donation of a new student violin to our orchestra program. It will be used by a promising and needy student for the remainder of the school year, and will be made available to students for years to come.

As a public charter school that caters to underserved youth in our community, we try to provide a well-rounded and high-quality education to our students that they typically aren't offered in their local public schools. Part of our program is an all-inclusive enrichment program, where every student in our school gets to learn to play a string instrument, take art classes, and learn how to use computers and computer technology. Your donation helps bolster the supply of school owned instruments we are able to offer for use to our students, and will surely enable countless students to enjoy learning to play the violin and express themselves musically. An overwhelming majority of our students come from economically disadvantaged households and cannot afford to rent or purchase instruments on their own, thus they count on our school being able to offer these tools so they can be successful in our orchestra program. This new donation will give a deserving student the opportunity to have an instrument to practice on at home, and it will also be utilized in our school performances. In these times of economic uncertainty and drastic cuts in education funding it is a breath of fresh air to know there are still individuals and organizations that recognize the power of music and music education and who are willing to help out in what ways they can to make sure children everywhere have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument and connect with something that is much bigger than themselves.

Again, we are very appreciative of your generous contribution to our program and hope that one day you will be able to visit our school and see how your donation has been put to good use.

Musically yours,

Thomas Duncan  
Orchestra Director  
KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy