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*“Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” ~Berthold Auerbach*

Dear Piano Students and Parents,

On **Saturday, February 6, 2016** the Madison Area Friends of Piano will host a benefit event to support the UW’s **American Family Children’s Hospital (AFCH)**. The 24th Annual **Piano Playathon**, will benefit the Child Life Program which provides toys, games and supplies for music and art activities for their young patients.

I hope you will join me for the **2016 Piano Playathon**. This year we will return to the performance space at the **Barnes & Noble Bookstore next to Shopko near West Towne**.

The Playathon is a way for students to experience helping others while sharing their talent. It gives them an opportunity to perform pieces they’ve been preparing and to have some fun.\* **In return we ask that they collect tax deductible pledges to raise funds for AFCH**. This can be done with a pledge form or by creating a personal fundraising page at [www.uwhealthkids.org/piano](http://www.uwhealthkids.org/piano).

In addition, a percentage of **all** purchases made that day with a **special in-store coupon** will be donated to AFCH by Barnes and Noble.

Pledge forms and any checks or cash collected in advance can be turned in at the Playathon. The deadline for turning in all donations is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. They can be given to me or sent to Connie Jones, 36 Arboredge Way, Fitchburg, WI 53711. Checks should be made out to American Family Children’s Hospital. All donations are tax deductible.

Together we will have a positive impact on thousands of kids in our community.  
To sign up to play please contact me at the number below.

Your Teacher’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher’s Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher’s Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*All performing students will receive thank you items. Total pledges over \$25.00 will earn the participant a prize. Anyone gathering pledges of \$100 or more will be eligible for the grand prize drawing of a one night stay for a family of four at a Wisconsin Dells resort hotel.

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