

# BANDSforBAND!

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## Bands for Band! Fifth Annual Benefit for kids

Minneapolis, Minnesota—January 21, 2009—

Fifth annual benefit to keep band continues to benefit two neighborhood schools and features performances from top regional musical performers. **Join us Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010 from 3 to 9 p.m. at the Eagles Club (2507 25th Street East).**

*Every outstanding performance deserves an encore and this year* “Bands for Band!” benefit is no different. For five years music lovers have filled the Eagle’s Club in Minneapolis for hours of music from some of the region’s top musical acts and this year benefits two schools, Sanford and Seward.

“This year the musical groups performing were eager to be invited back. They want to be part of a community event that supports our kids. We have a wide variety of musical styles including Surf Rock, Blues, R&B, and jazz,” said Sharon Arvold one of the parent’s organizing the event. Performances from: Shrewd Mammals (Jazz), The John Beach Band (Blues and Rhythm and Blues), Big Surf (surf music), Three Middle School Jazz Bands, Van Morrison Review (The Rich Lewis Band with Special Guests) will blow the roof off of the Eagle’s Club for a good cause.

Over the last four years \$37,000 has been raised during the event that, combined with a \$25,000 donation of instruments from VH1 Save the Music Foundation, helped Sullivan restart their band program. This year’s event will benefit students at Sanford Middle School and Seward Montessori. “To make band available to our children raises achievement at all three schools. The desire to create music is inherent. It is something we share beyond language, culture and geography,” said parent Lori Gleason.

The discontinuation of Sullivan’s band program five years ago was due to budget constraints that reverberated throughout the district. Since restarting Sullivan’s band, parents became aware of how tenuous every school’s band program is and decided to join forces to support the entire community of kids. To keep what we have and serve all students in grades 5 through 8 we need the support of the community.

Admission to the event is only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 6 and older, \$25 for families. In addition to music, there will dancing, food, raffles and family fun.

Tickets can be purchased at the door the day of the event and parking is free! For a complete listing of all the acts go online to [www.iloveband.org](http://www.iloveband.org) or contact a parent representative.

Donations can be sent to: Seward Montessori PTA, Attn. Bands for Band at 2309 28th Ave S Mpls MN 55406

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