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## The Michael David Samel Spirit of Music Fund

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Dear Friends, Family, Participants, Sponsors, and Volunteers

We would like to take thank you for all the support you have shown us and “The Michael David Samel Spirit of Music Fund”, the non-for-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation, established in our son Mike’s name after his fatal car accident on October 6, 2001.

Mike was an outstanding percussionist and jazz drummer with the Downers Grove South High School Band, Jazz Ensemble, and the Marching Mustangs. He was also active in the Youth Praise Band of our church, Good Shepherd Lutheran, in Naperville, IL. And he also started his own DJ business, “Sound Check Entertainment” which Pat & I continue to run in his memory.

In honor of Mike’s love of music, “The Michael David Samel Spirit of Music Fund” provides a memorial gifts and scholarship programs for high-school youths that are active participants in music.

Last September, we had the 6th “Bike and Hike for Mike” fund-raiser, and thanks to many volunteers and participants, we were able to raise over \$8,000! To date, we have donated almost \$50,000 to local high school music programs and students in the form of musical equipment, special seminars, music lessons, and scholarships.

We have scheduled this year’s “Bike and Hike for Mike” fund-raiser for September 13<sup>th</sup> and we hope you will participate, volunteer to help with the event itself, or consider making a tax-deductible donation to help us keep Mike’s memory alive through this fund which benefit’s our local community. We know with your help, it will be even bigger and better than last year’s. If you have any questions, please contact us by phone at (630) 985-7939 or email [msamel@ameritech.net](mailto:msamel@ameritech.net) or [patsamel@ameritech.net](mailto:patsamel@ameritech.net)

Thank you,

*Mark and Pat Samel*

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