



Spring 2026 *Gift of Music* Grant Recipients

Lily Samson – Garden Hills Elementary and Aaron Knight – International Prep Academy Middle School

Music that Reflects Us: Inclusive Repertoire for K-8 Orchestras.

This project will increase the music libraries for the rapidly growing orchestra classes at Garden Hills and International Prep Academy. Music from composers of underrepresented backgrounds will be added to the existing library to reflect the diverse backgrounds of the students.

Spring 2026 “A Musical Gift” Grant Recipients

Jacob Arche – Urbana 6th Grade Center

Growing Our 6th Grade Band

Funds from this grant will be used to purchase much needed supplemental equipment for sixth grade band students such as reeds, reed cases, music, slide oil and method books.

Spring 2026 Mindfulness Grant

Unit 4 educators –Professional Development

It’s In Your Head

Teacher wellness program to equip staff with tools to reduce stress and anxiety, improve focus and stamina, build and sustain energy throughout the day, and communicate how to best support one another. This program focuses on the areas of mindset, breathwork, movement, nutrition, and communication.