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David Jaffin  
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Dear David,

I want to tell you how proud I am that The Gift of Music Project you started in March of 2008, has been such a success.

You have donated over 100 musical instruments to schools in Louisiana that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina. You have teamed up with Tony Bennett, Target, The Mr. Holland Opus Foundation and even Oprah to help budding jazz students to regain their musical voices after such a tragedy.

Now, closer to home, you have helped one of my band students who had lost her clarinet right before our Spring Concert. This student was very upset that her family could not afford a replacement instrument and that she would not be able to perform. You learned of her predicament and generously donated a clarinet, bringing a big smile to her face and a wonderful musical experience for her at the concert.

It is not easy to measure the effect your project has had on so many music students, but rest assured that such a kind-hearted and compassionate act has brought joy and comfort to those children whose lives have been so disrupted.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Uttley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William Uttley  
Band Director  
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