

NEW ORLEANS MUSICIANS FUND

1. Is it all right to do a benefit for the New Orleans Musicians Fund? Would I be stepping on your toes?

We welcome all efforts to help raise money for the New Orleans Musician Fund. We have set this fund up as a place for musicians to start getting the help they need. The assistance Gulf area musicians will need is vast; most of the people we have talked with have lost everything. The more people we get working to help raise funds the more musicians we can help rebuild their lives.

2. Will you only be helping Music Maker Artists, or will you be helping all musicians from that area?

We will of course be helping Music Maker Artists and people we have worked with in the past, but we will also be working with new musicians from the area. We have worked with the New Orleans Musician Clinic, and have other people in the area passing on names. We know there are 1000s of musicians from the area that could use our help, but we are limited by our fund. The more money we are able to raise, the more musicians we can help.

3. It's called the New Orleans Musician Fund, but what about other areas effected by Katrina, will you help those musicians, too?

We will be helping musicians in the Gulf area that were affected by Katrina.

4. Where will all the money you raise be going?

Your donation will provide direct support to musicians in the Gulf affected by Hurricane Katrina. These artists lost their homes and instruments and their livelihoods. The fund will first provide them with emergency funds for food, travel, and medicine in this crucial period. Then, we will direct your contributions to assist with relocation expenses and keeping up with day-to-day living expenses while gigs are scarce. Instruments will need to be replaced as well as clothing and sound equipment. We will also do our very best to get them back to work in their new communities, across the nation and throughout the world. Your donation will go a long way towards helping these musicians rebuild their lives. Give today, visit musicmaker.org, or call 919-643-2456

5. I'm not a party person; do I have to throw a benefit concert to help raise funds?

Throwing big parties aren't the only way to make money. You can ask around your office for donations, see if your company has a matching gifts program, or even throw a New Orleans potluck at your house. Visit the Fundraising Ideas on

the Fundraising web page; this has great ideas for people who are new to the fundraising world.

6. I threw a concert and was able to make a lot of cash donations. Should I just drop this in the mail?

Please DO NOT send cash in the mail. The best thing to do is to send a money order or check for the amount you were able to raise at your benefit.

7. Who should the checks be made out to for donations to the NOMF?

All checks should be made payable to Music Maker. Please make sure to include NOMF on the Memo section of your check.

8. Can I donate an instrument?

Please contact MMRF before donating instruments at donations@musicmaker.org or 919-643-2456 before donating any instruments.

9. Great, can I donate clothing and other needs?

Even though these musicians will need all of these basic needs, Music Maker IS NOT equipped for such donations. Please donate these to your local efforts who are equipped for such donations.

10. Do you have any literature on the NOMF I can distribute?

Yes, go to the main Help Us page for a downloadable brochure.

More Questions? Visit the Fundraising Ideas download for general FAQ