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## LAFCU donation presentation included serenade by Charlotte HS Symphony Band

Partnership with Lansing chamber in its 11<sup>th</sup> year of supporting high school band departments

LANSING, Mich. — LAFCU's virtual presentation of a \$1,000 donation to the Charlotte High School band program resulted in two valued gifts, according to Band Director Jeff Szekely.

"Receiving notification of the donation made my day," Szekely said. "This donation allows us to replace some equipment earlier than expected but much needed.

"It was also a gift for our Symphony Band to perform for the



At the LAFCU donation presentation are members of the Charlotte High School Symphony Band, top right; and from left, Jeff Szekely, Charlotte High School; Alyssa Troub, LAFCU; Tim Daman, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce; and Hollie Auten, Charlotte Performing Arts Center.

presentation, especially since we've had no in-person concerts this year due to COVID. Performing for a live audience, even virtually, feels great. Thank you, LAFCU!"

This is the credit union's 11th annual donation to a high school band program. It's part of LAFCU's entertainment sponsorship of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner.

"This sponsorship has provided so much joy in knowing the funds go directly to enhancing students' high school experience," said Alyssa Troub, LAFCU marketing and communications specialist. "Even those who are not in the music program benefit from a wellequipped band. School bands are such a source of pride for the school and community, and deservedly so, especially based on the amazing musical talent showcased during our private serenade by the Charlotte High School Symphony Band." The band performed three pieces for the virtual presentation, and Szekely accepted the donation on behalf of the 110 students involved in the band program. The funds will go toward the purchase of small percussion instruments and mallets.

Tim Daman, president and CEO of Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, was virtually present for the donation.

"Vibrant schools are a necessary and valuable asset to our community," Daman said. "We understand the challenge to school budgets and developed this sponsorship to help support schools. This successful partnership has provided \$11,000 for high school band departments throughout the Lansing area."

## About LAFCU

Chartered in 1936, LAFCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative open for membership to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Michigan and to businesses and other entities located in Michigan. The credit union serves more than 69,000 members and holds over \$915 million in assets. It was named a Best Credit Union to Work For in 2020. LAFCU offers a comprehensive range of financial products and services as well as an expanding complement of financial technology solutions. Members enjoy benefits such as low fees, low interest rates on loans, high yields on savings, discounts, knowledgeable employees and nationwide access to feefree ATMs. A recipient of the national Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award for credit unions, LAFCU enriches the communities it serves by supporting many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFCU, call 800.748.0228 or visit <u>www.lafcu.com</u>.

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