

Steinway Piano Society's "Piano Bank" is a free service designed to give economically disadvantaged children (age 6-18) in Southwest Florida the opportunity to develop their musical talent by providing a piano and/or tuition for lessons. The goal of the "Piano Bank" is to reach out to children who otherwise might not get a chance to study piano.



The gift of music...

It's a proven fact...Music makes children happy, healthy and wise! Studies have shown that playing a musical instrument, especially the piano, raises test scores, makes the brain more efficient and decreases the likelihood that kids will become involved with drugs, alcohol and gangs. Music lessons make kids better students and better citizens. Research also suggests that making music may also help us as we age, by reducing the chances of Alzheimer's and other age-related diseases.



Investing in a child's future...

Through the generosity of our donors and a partnership with the Community Foundation of Collier County, we are able to provide need-based tuition assistance and supply a "second life" piano as well. Piano study can make a lasting impression on a child's life.

The "Piano Bank" will make pianos and piano lessons available without charge to economically disadvantaged children who qualify.



Here's how it works...

- Guidelines and criteria sheets are available from area piano teachers or at the Steinway Piano Gallery.
- Recommendations are made by area piano teachers of students who are motivated but cannot afford piano lessons and/or a piano.
- Applicants may submit a qualification sheet to the Community Foundation for review and consideration.
- Upon endorsement from the Community Foundation, Steinway Piano Society's "Piano Bank" may provide funding for lessons, a piano, or both to the deserving student.
- Practice/Report cards from the teacher will be provided to Steinway Piano Society and the Community Foundation to ensure continued eligibility. As long as the students progress, "Piano Bank's" support will continue.



Change a child's life today!

You can make a difference in a child's future. Here are four simple ways...

1. If you know of a deserving child, please submit the information to The Community Foundation of Collier County.
2. Join the Southwest Florida Steinway Piano Society.
3. Make a donation to the "Piano Bank."
4. Contact us today!

