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## **LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RAISES MONEY FOR STRING PROGRAM**

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Daniel Koo, a senior at Radnor High School plans on attending college to study violin. Last year, he was selected as one of 200 students to receive a scholarship to Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Arts in Erie, Pennsylvania. While there, one of his projects was to develop an idea that would raise money for local music students. Last December, Daniel's efforts paid off. Through a benefit concert for the String Project at Temple University's Music Preparatory Program, Daniel, along with other classmates, raised \$1,400 in support of private string instruction at a nominal cost for Philadelphia area students.

"My private violin teacher, Ms. Helen Kwalwasser, [Boyer College faculty member] told me about the String Project at Music Prep and how it would reach string students that may not be able to afford individual lessons," Daniel said. "We all know how important music education is."

Daniel's (violin) colleagues from the Governor's School performed along with him at the concert. They included: Martha Mingle (piano) from Delaware County Christian School, Robert May (tenor) from Annville Cleona High School and Levi Smucker (cello) from Ephrata High School. The concert was held on December 27, 2008 at Radnor High School. Daniel hopes that their efforts will "inspire more kids to pick up and instrument and find their passions within art."

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