

GENEROUS ESTATE GIFT EXPANDS MUSIC LAB OUTREACH AND TECHNOLOGY

Jefferson Center announces new dedicated video recording studio and an initiative to expand community outreach.

Friendships that span decades are special gifts to be treasured for a lifetime. They are full of deeply cherished, irreplaceable experiences with people who know us sometimes better than we know ourselves.

Barbara Coffey and Jim Crawford shared such a friendship for more than 30 years. They met while playing in bands together and became fast friends through their love of music. As musicians, they played for Jig or Not and Second Wynde and did many gigs together in Roanoke and the New River Valley. Barbara was an accomplished pianist and accordion player and enjoyed playing the violin as well. She cherished the camaraderie of friends and brought her love of music to many jams. According to Jim, who is a 1969 graduate of Jefferson Senior High School, Barbara was "enthusiastic, creative, and always a joy to be around."

Before Barbara passed away in 2020, she had named her dear friend Jim to be the executor of her estate. He considered this to be a tremendous honor and privilege. Because

Barbara had no heirs, Jim's role as executor was to choose worthy organizations that would benefit from Barbara's estate and therefore allow her legacy to live on through those donations. Knowing Barbara the way he did, Jim was aware of the causes near and dear to Barbara's heart. In consultation with his wife and other close friends of Barbara's, they settled on a number of charities to benefit from Barbara's estate where her memory could live on.



Barbara Coffey

Because of Barbara's love of music and children, one of the gifts made through the Estate of Barbara Lee Coffey was to Jefferson Center's Music Lab, which is part of The Harry and Lavon Webb Youth Enrichment and Arts Education Center. This gift is especially meaningful because it represents Barbara's passion and love of music and because of the many lives that will be impacted in her name. Barbara's gift will allow Jefferson Center to inspire young

musicians in new ways, bringing the same energy and determination to their work that she brought to her own music. Her gift is allowing Jefferson Center to create the **Coffey Haus**, a new video recording studio in the Music Lab dedicated for students to make professional-grade videos of their songs for uploads and distribution. Her gift will also support **Outreach Out Loud**, a new program focused on expanding the Music Lab program into youth-based organizations in the Roanoke area. Both projects will commence this summer and other investments are planned.

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Jefferson Center is deeply grateful to be the recipient of such a special gift and honored to be able to carry on Barbara Coffey's name and memory through the creative experiences of many young musicians who benefit from the Music Lab.



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If you are interested in more information, please contact Jefferson Center’s development office at 540.685.2312 or return the attached form. We also encourage you to discuss your options with a tax or estate planning professional who can best advise you based on your circumstances.

Kind regards,



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