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January 22, 2007

Ms. Dorothy Graham
Graham Family Foundation
544 61st Street
Oakland, CA 94609

Dear Ms. Graham:

On behalf of The Jewish Guild for the Blind's Board of Directors, staff, and especially the thousands of blind or visually impaired infants, children, adults, and elderly that we serve each year, thank you for the generous gift of \$20,000 from the Graham Family Foundation in memory of your mother Olga Graham. This two-year grant will support The Guild's art and music programs for children who are blind and visually impaired.

We greatly appreciate the commitment and support of friends like you who enable us to continually improve the quality of our programs and expand the services we provide. Thank you, once again, for your vote of confidence in our work and generosity to The Guild.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Morse, JD, PhD
President and CEO

P.S. This letter confirms that no goods or services were given in exchange for this gift.

Grant Summary

Thanks to a two-year grant of \$20,000 from the Graham Family Foundation, a full-time music teacher and a ¾-time art teacher will provide music and art education to 80 children ages 3 to 21 who attend the Elizabeth L. Newman Guild Preschool and The Harriet and Robert Heilbrunn Guild School. All children derive benefit from art and music education, including increased self-discipline, self-esteem, teamwork, pride of accomplishment, creative thinking and leadership. For children who are blind and visually impaired, developing their senses of sound and touch is especially critical to communication with others, self-discovery, and their ability to understand the world. By providing art and music education, The Guild is able to enhance our children's individual development and ability to reach their full potential. We help our children gain knowledge and increase their ability to communicate through a variety of art and music activities.

Because of the varied disabilities of our children, the professionals are trained as music and art therapists and incorporate a therapeutic approach into their programs. Our students attend both art and music twice a week, each class lasting a half hour. Classes are small, enabling the art and music teachers to provide the children with special attention. Some of our children receive one-on-one instruction because of their disabilities. The music teacher also leads weekly chorus groups and dance groups for our older children. In recognition of the children's achievement, their artwork is displayed throughout the school and the chorus and dance groups perform for parents and teachers.

To recognize your gift, The Guild will install a plaque in the Art/Music Room which will read, "This program has been supported by the family of Olga Graham, educator, volunteer, mother and grandmother," or other language that meets with your approval. This gift will also be recognized on our 21st Century Diamond Donors Wall.