

The Bands of Wando Foundation
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MARDI Gras

Annual Fundraising Gala

April 17, 2020 | 6:30p – 10:30p | USS Yorktown at Patriots Point

Dear Community Member,

The Bands of Wando Foundation is excited to announce the 3rd Annual Mardi Gras Fundraising Gala on Friday, April 17, 2020. This wonderful fundraiser is being held on the Yorktown at Patriots Point from 6:30pm - 10:30pm, and includes a live and silent auction, a delicious food and beverage bar, outstanding music, and fun fellowship!

The Bands of Wando Foundation was created to support the Wando Bands Program by providing private funding to help children from all economic backgrounds to benefit from participating in the excellent bands programs of Wando High School, Cario Middle School and Laing Middle School. The program collectively has over 900 students and families participating in marching band, color guard, concert band, jazz band, percussion ensembles and various chamber groups.

This nationally recognized program requires financial support for continued success. The program receives less than \$30 per student from the school district, which is spent on one piece of music or a larger instrument. Your support is invaluable to the Bands of Wando Foundation, and will provide far-reaching impacts to the students and families participating in these accomplished programs.

A Few Highlights from the Bands of Wando Program:

- *Wando Marching Band recently set a SC record by wining their 12th 5A State Championship.*
- *Wando Symphonic Band was selected as one of the countries top 5 concert bands to perform at the International Band and Orchestra Directors Conference in Chicago December 19, 2019.*
- *Wando and Cario have had more students in the All-State Bands every year since 2005 than any other high school and middle school.*
- *Wando has had more students in the Honor Band of America in the last 2 years than any other school in the nation.*

We appreciate your consideration of support for this exemplary musical program. You can support the Bands of Wando Foundation by becoming an **event sponsor, donating items for the live or silent auction and/or joining us for the event.**

PRESENTING SPONSOR ~ \$5000. You will receive 8 gala tickets, featured advertising at the auction, table signage, event recognition, and recognition in all event materials.

TABLE SPONSOR ~ \$2000. You will receive 8 gala tickets, table signage, event recognition, and recognition in all event materials.

SYMPHONIC SPONSOR ~ \$1000. You will receive 4 gala tickets, event night recognition, mention in the event advertising, and recognition in the event night book.

NOTE SPONSOR ~ \$500. You will receive 2 gala tickets, mention in event advertising, and recognition in the event night book.

FRIENDS OF THE BAND ~ \$250. You will receive 2 gala tickets and recognition in the event night book.

TICKETS ~ \$75 per person or \$100 at the door

Please review the attached forms and consider how you would like to support the Bands of Wando Foundation. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Potter at (703) 927-9185 or lizpotter@yippeeoo.com

Contributions are tax deductible. Bands of Wando Foundation Tax ID# is 81-0733811

Thank you for your support,

Donald R. Johnson, MD
President, Bands of Wando Foundation



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