President’s Message
May 19, 2020

Dear Friends,

This message is the first of a new series, brought on by the extraordinary circumstances of today’s life and, specifically, our jazz musicians’ urgent needs. The California Jazz Foundation stands ready to continue our mission to help our musicians and we hope that you will consider this CJF website a hub for the exchange of topical information and resources. As you know, details of available governmental assistance are changing almost daily and we will, with your help, publish updates, thoughts and specific sources of support as we become aware of them. Please feel free to provide this material, once it has been fact-checked.

The loss of the largest source of CJF’s annual funding, our 2020 Gala, has been a blow. The COVID-19 pandemic has wiped out performance spaces, leaving our musicians with virtually no source of income. We thank, from the bottom of our collective heart, those of you who have generously converted your 2020 sponsorships and ticket purchases to a straight donation or to a credit against our April 24, 2021 Gala. I am once again awed by the sense of community to which we belong, joined by our love of the music and the wonderful musicians who give us so much joy. Having the opportunity to help those musicians when they are in need is a blessing to all of us who are engaged in this endeavor. In the 14 plus years of our existence, we have assisted more than 325 musicians. We have provided counseling, medical referrals, help with housing emergencies, car and telephone payments and virtually anything that is needed. We could never have done this without you.

Please continue to support our cause … become a member, make a donation of any amount, attend our fundraising events once they have resumed, and help us to spread the word. With your support and generosity, we will always be here … to help.

Thank you,
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Edythe L. Bronston
Founder and President