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Dear Sirs

On behalf of the Board of Directors of El Sistema South London, I thank you for the two scholarships awarded to our Chamber Group and String Quartet for this year's Music Festival.

As we head toward the end of our 8th year of existence, we are very grateful for organizations like yours who recognize and support our efforts.

As with virtually all charities this year, we are victims of the pandemic now happening. We have been able to slowly adapt to online teaching, but it is proving to be a challenge. We had 22 beginners in January who showed energy and enthusiasm like wildfire! Sadly, all of this came to a halt in March. We have recently set up lessons for these kids on our website to bring them into a virtual classroom. Our web tracking software shows that they are indeed tuning in. Hopefully, we will be able to start up again in the fall without having to completely begin from scratch.

Thanks for helping to enable this journey for these future stars. You are making a subtle difference for life! We'll all get there one day.

Sincerely, Dave McEwen Treasurer