

March 2018
Harry Chapin Practice-A-Thon Teacher Letter



Dear Music Teachers,

During the month of March, music students across New York State are invited to take part in the **Harry Chapin Practice-A-Thon** with all proceeds going to local food banks. The Practice-a-Thon is a wonderful way to strengthen students' practice habits while encouraging empathy and empowering them to make a difference in their community. Locally, our Practice-A-Thon proceeds will be going to **Long Island Cares, Inc. - The Harry Chapin Food Bank**. Last year, over 50 schools participated in the NYS Practice-A-Thon and together we raised over \$25,000.

Music teachers who participate will need to do the following:

1. Fill in the attached **Participation Packet**. Sign the **Parent Letter** and fill in your name and school information on the **Donation Form**.
2. Copy the filled in **Participation Packet** (without the Teacher letter) and distribute to your students.
3. At the end of March, ask your students to mail the **Donation Form** and check(s) directly to **Long Island Cares, Inc. - The Harry Chapin Food Bank**. Have students turn in the **Practice Log** to you so you can keep track of your school's participation.

Teachers do not need to collect any money

4. Download and fill out an official Thank You Certificate for each participant at hcpracticeathon.com
5. Please let us know your school is participating by sending an email to harrychapinpractice@gmail.com and visit our website at hcpracticeathon.com to get ideas on how to implement the project.

Use your creativity to help generate excitement about the project. You can make the project fun with posters, competitions or small rewards. After you collect the pledge sheets, be sure to tally the totals and let the students know how their contribution will make a difference for a needy family.

You can learn more about our project at hcpracticeathon.com and can like our facebook page at facebook.com/Practiceathon. Feel free to pass this information along to other music teachers and thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

Peggy Rakas

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BECAUSE IT TAKES MORE THAN FOOD TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Long Island



Cares INC

The Harry Chapin Food Bank

March 2018
Harry Chapin Practice-A-Thon
Parent Letter



Dear Parents,

During the month of March, music students across New York State are invited to take part in the Harry Chapin Practice-A-Thon with all proceeds going to local food banks. The Practice-A-Thon is a wonderful way to strengthen students' practice habits while encouraging empathy and empowering them to make a difference in their community. Our regional food bank is **Long Island Cares, Inc. - The Harry Chapin Food Bank**.

Last year, over 50 schools participated in the NYS Practice-A-Thon and together we raised over \$25,000. As Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!"

Students who participate in the Practice-A-Thon will need to document their daily practice on the enclosed **Daily Practice Log**. Sponsors will pledge an amount of their choice per minute the student practices during the month of March. In April, students collect pledge checks from their sponsors and send the checks to their local food bank. The participants hand in their **Daily Practice Log** to their music teachers.

Our donations and the *Donation Form*
are mailed directly to:

Long Island Cares
Attn: Robin Amato, Practice-a-thon
10 Davids Drive
Hauppauge, NY 11788-2039

Make checks payable to:
Long Island Cares



DO NOT bring donations to your music teacher.
DO bring your **PRACTICE LOG** to your music teacher

You can get more information on the Practice-A-Thon website at hcpracticeathon.com and on their facebook page at facebook.com/Practiceathon. Contact me below if you have any questions and thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

Music Teacher



The Harry Chapin Practice-A-Thon

Turning Music 2 Meals
for the Hungry

Participation Packet

March 2018

For

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**Long Island
Cares** INC



The Harry Chapin Food Bank

MISSION



During the month of March, music students across New York State are invited to take part in a Practice-A-Thon with all proceeds going to local food banks and their efforts for hunger relief. Our mission is to strengthen students' practice habits while encouraging empathy and empowering them to make a difference in their community. Our regional food bank is **Long Island Cares, Inc. - The Harry Chapin Food Bank**.

What You Need to Do:

STEP 1

Ask your family members or friends to pledge a penny, nickel, dime or quarter for each minute you practice. Even one penny a day can make a difference.

STEP 2

Try to practice every day during the month of March. Keep track of your practice minutes on the **Daily Practice Log**. The more you practice, the more you will help **Long Island Cares** and the more you will strengthen your playing. Strive for at least 150 minutes a week.

STEP 3

In April, collect your pledge checks from your sponsors and mail the checks and **Donation Form** directly to your local food bank. **Checks should be made payable to Long Island Cares**. Pledges are tax deductible. Please thank your sponsors with a card or email.

Mail donations and the Donation Form directly to:

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Hauppauge, NY 11788-2039

*Please fill out your **Donation Form** and include it with your checks to let the food bank know who you are and what school you attend.*

Do NOT bring donations to your music teacher.

STEP 4

Bring your completed **Daily Practice Log** to your music teacher who will keep track of the total minutes and contributions from your school.





DAILY PRACTICE LOG

Musician's Name: _____

PLEASE TURN IN THIS FORM
TO YOUR MUSIC TEACHER

The Harry Chapin NYS Practice-A-Thon MARCH 2018

Please record the number of minutes practiced each day.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	
				1 ____ minutes	2 ____ minutes	3 ____ minutes	Total Week #1 _____
4 ____ minutes	5 ____ minutes	6 ____ minutes	7 ____ minutes	8 ____ minutes	9 ____ minutes	10 ____ minutes	Total Week #2 _____
11 ____ minutes	12 ____ minutes	13 ____ minutes	14 ____ minutes	15 ____ minutes	16 ____ minutes	17 ____ minutes	Total Week #3 _____
18 ____ minutes	19 ____ minutes	20 ____ minutes	21 ____ minutes	22 ____ minutes	23 ____ minutes	24 ____ minutes	Total Week #4 _____
25 ____ minutes	26 ____ minutes	27 ____ minutes	28 ____ minutes	29 ____ minutes	30 ____ minutes	31 ____ minutes	Total Week #5 _____

Student Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Total Minutes _____

TOTAL DONATION _____



Musician's Name:

THE HARRY CHAPIN PRACTICE-A-THON PLEDGE FORM

PLEASE KEEP THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS

Thank you for your support of **The Harry Chapin Practice-A-Thon!** Music students across New York will devote the month of March to raising money for local food banks and to strengthening their practice habits. Please pledge a penny, nickel, dime, or quarter for each minute of this musician's practice. Even small change makes a difference! Your contribution is tax deductible.

Name	Address or email	Pledge per minute	Total owed <i>(minutes practiced x pledge)</i>

TOTAL DONATION: _____

**MAIL DONATIONS and the DONATION FORM
DIRECTLY TO:**

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Please thank your sponsors in person, with a card or with an email.

Thank you for helping needy families in New York State!

Musician's Name:

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Make checks payable to:
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Dear Long Island Cares,

Please accept this donation of _____ to help needy families in NY.

I am a student of _____
Music teacher's name

and I attend _____ in _____
School name *Town*

Student Signature

Student name

Student address (optional)

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