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Getting involved and making a difference

I'm happy to report that when all was said and done, we earned over \$1200 (net) for the Benjamin Franklin Elementary School's music program and we also got recent word of some instruments that will be donated to the school from an organization who had an interest in our cause. Special thanks should go out to all the people behind the scenes who helped to make this event come about.

All the musician's involved agreed to donate their services to the event and it was a significant investment of time and energy. What brought us together was our love of the Beatles music and our eagerness to help children and strengthen our community.

Vocals - Ken Sullivan, Rich McCarty, Ted Andrzejczuk; Guitars - Geo Filippides, Bob Glick, Rich McCarty; Percussion - Todd Purcaro; special thanks to Crystal Sullivan for her assistance in the arrangement of vocal harmonies

The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) seeks to enable parents to become leading advocates for chil-

dren. We're talking about a program that can better one's self, one's family, and one's community. The genesis of our musical event goes right back to the PLTI program. More specifically, all the students are asked to do a community involvement project based upon personal passions. It was no surprise I can't stress enough how touched and deeply moved I was when all of the musician's stepped up without hesitation and without missing a beat to join me in this endeavor. They deserve major kudos and my hope is that our efforts will inspire others to step up and help their community in some way, shape, or form. Our group is currently looking at other potential future benefits and I have no doubt we'll be performing again in the near future. I should also mention that we thought it would only be fitting to name our group since more projects were on the horizon. After long and thoughtful deliberation, we decided to call ourselves Number Nine.