

Connecting with Local Students through Trumpet: Fall 2020 Minigrant Outcome Report

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Overview: Throughout the second half of the Fall 2020 semester, I participated in Music Practice Partners, a Madison House program that matches local Charlottesville students with college-aged volunteers. The aim of MPP is to foster relationships by reviewing music and playing instruments together. Originally, I planned to purchase my new trumpet in order to become a more effective practice partner; ultimately, I was paired with a cellist and two trombone players, which still proved to be a meaningful time. I gained valuable teaching experience while also engaging with students via Zoom practice sessions! Over break, I ordered an [Allora Vienna Series trumpet](#) and had it shipped to the Music & Arts Store on Seminole Trail in Charlottesville. Luckily, I found a \$100 off coupon that reduced the overall trumpet price by a sixth, making it much more affordable in the context of a \$500 grant. I picked it up at the start of the spring semester, along with some slide grease and valve oil. Slowly but surely, I am starting to play again, and it is invigorating to have a contrasting musical outlet from singing! Now that I have the physical instrument, I am excited to reignite my past love of brass and jazz and return to trumpet as a “second musical art form.” As time goes on, I hope to play more frequently and potentially record pieces with my roommates, who play saxophone and drums, respectively.

Photos of New Trumpet:



Expense Report:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Trumpet	\$526.49
Slide Grease	\$6.99
Valve Oil	\$6.49
Total:	\$539.97*

**Amounts exceeding \$500 were covered by personal savings.*

I am quite grateful to the Miller Arts program for the opportunity to pursue trumpet again; the funding allowed me to replace my previously damaged trumpet while also helping me advance my goals as a musician and performer during an otherwise challenging time for artists.