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King High's Marching Crusaders Continue on its Fundraising Mission!

Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School band – the award-winning Marching Crusaders – had reached and exceeded its first financial goal of raising \$240,000 it needed to send 75 band members, eight faculty and several parent chaperones to Beijing and perform before the Summer Olympics.

But plans changed and costs got higher. ♦ The band has accepted, instead, the opportunity to play during the Olympics in August. ♦ During their stay, the band will present shows at the Olympic Village, the Great Wall and at two schools. ♦ The new tab: \$380,000.

As of April 3, the band was right at \$300,000, thanks to a surprise visit from Gov. Jennifer Granholm herself – and a \$10,000 check.



The band still needs your help! ♦ Since November 2007, band members and their families have been fund-raising like crazy! ♦ They've sold pizza kits, cookie dough, dinners, soups, candy bars, bottled water, M&M's and have begun counting the 10-cent returns of empty cans and bottles.

♦ The band still needs your help! ♦ King High was chosen for the "American Celebration of Music in China" from at least 100 bands. ♦ The invite was based upon recommendations of state music officials, past achievements and its current standings. ♦ Good musicianship was also key to the selection, and the band is the only one from Michigan selected for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

♦ Less than a month ago, the Crusaders had just over \$53,000 and big pledges from Michigan First Credit Union and the UAW. ♦ Last week, the band received a combined \$75,000 from three area foundations: The Skillman Foundation, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and The Kresge Foundation. ♦ Even the U.S. Post Office-Fort Street Branch pitched in over \$680, and smaller donations from lots of other supporters have assisted in this very big endeavor.

♦ There's still time to give: Michigan First has established an account at the credit union for the band for those wishing to donate funds: Michigan First Credit Union, 27000 Evergreen Road, Lathrup Village 48076. ♦ Donations can be made at any Michigan First Branch location under the account name, Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School Band. ♦ Feel free to call 313.566.2440, or to send funds directly to the school: King High School, 3200 E. Lafayette, Detroit 48207.



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