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Dear Supporter of the Uptown Music Collective,

Sometimes what seems like a major setback, turns out to be a major turning point in your life. Morgan had injured her ACL and couldn't return to soccer in her senior year. She decided to turn her attention to the guitar. Already a gifted singer, she had the natural inclination to want to be able to accompany herself and to be able to write songs.

While recovering from surgery she started lessons at a funky little music school located at that time on Market Street. Hopping up and down the stairs for months, until one day being asked to take part in a performance. The role included taking on the challenging task of paying tribute to Janis Joplin's powerful vocals in the school's first Woodstock tribute ... and she crushed it! **To this day Morgan still cites that performance as the first step on the path to finding her true voice.**

The impact on her was powerful. Morgan soon was spending her mornings as an intern at the school, and her nights practicing and playing music. She directed and starred in the next performance, *Tommy: A Tribute to The Music of The Who*. Eventually going on to study music, and music business in college, graduating from Belmont University a few years later.

Fast forward to 2016 and Rolling Stone Magazine named Morgan Myles one of the Top 10 Country Artists to Watch. Most recently her current single *Acapella* was named one of the top 10 songs of the week by Rolling Stone. She has also earned critical acclaim from outlets such as Billboard, and CMT, for the way that she seamlessly blends her own brand of Country, Soul, and Pop.

Morgan, like so many other local young people, encountered the Uptown Music Collective at a key moment in her life. The opportunities and inspiration that our organization provides, as well as its emphasis on discipline, hard work, and excellence, resonated with her. Helping her to discover and nourish her natural talents. Today, her success and the success of other alumni inspire our current students to believe that they too can succeed in making their own dreams come true.

Today, you can help us continue to make musical dreams come true, by donating to this year's Uptown Music Collective Annual Campaign, and helping us hit our \$20,000 campaign goal. The funds raised through this campaign will make it possible for us to keep our tuition affordable, by fully funding our classes and workshops for the year. This will allow students from all over our area to participate in the UMC's unique educational system and high impact performance opportunities.

Over the last 18 years, the Uptown Music Collective has worked its way deep into the fabric of our community. **Today, our success is your success, because it's only through your support that we can continue to provide our exceptional programs. I hope that you will consider making a donation today!**

Sincerely,

Dave Brumbaugh – Executive Director, Uptown Music Collective

P.S. Every donation impacts the lives of area young people. Help us connect kids with music.