Why music helps

For children who have severe and profound disabilities, music not only offers a channel of self-expression, it also enables them to share their thoughts and feelings with people around them.

Amber funds Ella’s piano lessons
“Music seems to make Ella’s world a happier place,” says Ella’s mother. “The fact that she can play the piano and sing along gives her a huge sense of achievement. It fills her world.”

Amber funds Anna’s flute lessons
Anna’s mother says, “We are incredibly grateful to The Amber Trust for supporting Anna’s flute lessons. Playing her flute is the most important part of Anna’s life. Music helps Anna in so many areas of her life as she grows in confidence and is determined to be the best she can be despite being blind. Anna is also able to socially interact through music as a common interest with all ages, which is vital to her wellbeing.”

Amber funds Renada’s violin lessons
“When you’re faced with the challenges a visual impairment brings on a daily basis, every bit of support makes the world of difference,” says Renada’s mother. “But equally, to be able to develop skills such as learning a musical instrument, which opens doors to different opportunities in your life and gives hope for the future, is so important.”

Amber funds Sonny’s AmberPlus music sessions
Exploring the keyboard independently was an key moment for Sonny. “If he’s excited by the music, he’ll start moving and grooving around - jumping and swaying with the biggest smile,” says his mum. When he realised he was making the sounds himself by pressing the keys, he shook with excitement.
Who we are

The Amber Trust was founded in 1995 to help vision impaired children across the UK, who have a talent or love for music.

Our aim is for blind and partially sighted children, including those with additional disabilities, to have the best possible chance to meet their musical needs and aspirations and fulfil their potential. Amber Music Awards exist to provide financial grants to individual children and young people in support of this vision.

What we do

Many families in the UK who care for one of the 25,000 children with little or no sight, live in relative poverty and cannot afford to give them the musical experiences that can transform their lives.

Amber Music Awards fund music lessons, musical instruments, specialist technology and concert tickets. Amber also has three Music Services for children. Little Amber caters for 0-5-year-olds. AmberPlus is for 5-18-year-olds with additional needs. With Music in Mind supports children with neurodegenerative disease.

Amber Sound Touch is a free online resource for music teachers of blind and partially sighted children, featuring children’s stories, practical techniques and downloadable materials.

What your money does

Your help will make such a difference to the lives of children throughout the UK by enabling The Amber Trust to continue to provide this vital support. Together, we can change lives through music.

- £15 pays for a group music session
- £25 pays for one violin lesson
- £45 pays for one Braille music lesson
- £200 pays for a term of singing lessons
- £500 pays for Little Amber sessions for a year
- £1,500 pays for one workshop programme

Make a donation to The Amber Trust

I would like to make a donation of:
£10 [   ] £20 [   ] £50 [   ] £100 [   ] Other £__________
Please find enclosed a cheque or CAF Voucher made payable to ‘The Amber Trust’

Name ____________________________________________
Address ___________________________________________
____________________________________ Postcode ______
Email _____________________________________________

Gift Aid Declaration

I would like The Amber Trust to treat all payments I make on or after the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations until I notify you otherwise. I have paid income tax or capital gains tax, which is equivalent to the amount of tax reclaimed on my donations in any one year

Signed_________________________ Date _____________

I wish to make regular donations direct from my bank account by completing this banker’s order:
To the Manager
Branch name__________________________
At________________________ Postcode _________
Please pay to ‘The Amber Trust’ (A/C No. 00026772, Sort code 40-52-40. The CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Ave, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ)

The sum of £__________every year [   ] month [   ]
Starting on __________(date) and until further notice
Signed__________________________
Account No.__________________________