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Brad Schoener was a music teacher in the Upper Darby School District of Philadelphia. An avid supporter of young musicians, he was known as the district's Music Man and Pied Piper. He believed that music is instrumental in developing young minds and spirits.

Upper Darby School District is the home to over 12,000 students. Most of the district's schools are Title I, with at least 40% of families qualifying for free or reduced lunch. The Brad Schoener Memorial Fund aims to reduce the economic barriers to playing music.

Before he passed away from cancer in 2009, Brad had hoped to accomplish three things: provide lessons for talented Upper Darby students who might not be able to afford them, provide instruments for all elementary students who have a desire to learn, and establish a summer music camp.

Established in 2013, the Brad Schoener Memorial Fund has brought Brad's wishes to life, providing arts education to Upper Darby students through the Music Man Academy. This seven-week summer program offers music instruction workshops throughout Upper Darby to talented students who might not otherwise have access to those opportunities, setting them on the road to fulfilling their talents and dreams.

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