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UHR holds music marathon

For the eighth consecutive year Rockland County music students will give up weekend free time to perform in a music marathon on Saturday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Palisades Center, on the first level, near H&M. The student musicians will play to provide entertainment for holiday shoppers and to benefit the United Hospice of Rockland Music Therapy Program.

Sponsored by the Rockland County Music Teachers Guild, the Music Marathon is an annual fundraising event, started by piano teacher Marilyn Hazan in 2001. The marathon showcases students of guild members, who through their performances raise money for charity.

Last year about 400 Rockland County music student entertained shoppers at the Palisades Center, raising \$21,000. In the past seven years the students have raised \$100,000. This year the goal is to raise \$25,000 through donations and sponsorships, bringing the total to \$125,000.

Students are currently collecting donations and need a minimum of \$25 to participate. Each participant will receive a

certificate of performance and a T-shirt. In addition, special prizes will be awarded to the top fundraisers. There will be a free raffle for participants, as well as a raffle for the public.

UHR's Music Therapy Program has proven to contribute to the overall well being of patients and to the comfort of those who are bereaved. Transcending language, cultural and religious barriers, music is often able to comfort when words are inadequate or inappropriate.

The Rockland County Music Teacher's Guild was founded in 1962 by Diana Miller Arlyck to establish and maintain high professional teaching and ethical standards, exchange music-related ideas, information and fellowship among colleagues, and to promote music education in our community. The Guild received the County Executive Arts Award for Service to the Rockland Community.

For further information, contact United Hospice of Rockland at 634-4974 or visit www.hospice-of-rockland.org. For more information on the Music Marathon, visit www.RCMTG.org