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PROFITS MAKE MUSIC

The donation of the local Knox Opportunity Shop's profits has enabled Interchange Outer East's Bayswater based 'Link' program to purchase \$500 worth of musical instruments and equipment for their music program.

Peter Siomos, Link Coordinator said "The donation has meant that we are able to buy a new guitar and other instruments for the guys so all the participants can join in the fun of the music program. As a non profit organisation funds can be hard to come by and the music program means a lot to our participants and is one of the most popular programs at Interchange".

Treasurer of the Knox Opportunity Shop Evelyn Hodgkin said "We like to contribute to the local community and we love music. The guys in the program seem to have so much fun and enjoy themselves and we wanted to contribute to this in any way we could".

"We are neighbours in Macauley Place and often run into each other in the mornings. It is fantastic to have such great neighbours. Every Monday and Thursday we hear the great music coming from next door and we love the sound." Ms Hodgkin said.

Interchange Outer East is a non-profit organisation that supports young people with disabilities and their families living in the outer eastern region of Melbourne. For more information or to make a donation call (03) 9758 5522 or visit <u>www.ioe.org.au</u>

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