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Dear friend of the Tattoo,

In December 2019 we proudly announced the new Youth Pipes & Drums Program through the Nova Scotia International Tattoo Foundation. The program, in its new cash grant and instrument loan and donation format, is intended to more broadly advance education and encourage Nova Scotian youth to participate in Highland bagpipe and pipe band drumming arts.

While the Nova Scotia International Tattoo Foundation's main mission is to provide a stable financial base for the ongoing operation of the Tattoo, it also aims to support projects that reflect and promote the historical, cultural and multicultural heritage of Nova Scotia and of Canada. The Youth Pipes & Drums Program is a perfect example of a project that will not only foster development and growth of Highland bagpiping and pipe band drumming, an important aspect of Nova Scotian culture, but also increase participation by Nova Scotian pipers and drummers in the annual production of the Tattoo.

Applications for cash grants and instrument loans and donations were to open in April 2020. The program's investments were to assist youth-oriented organizations with the costs associated with membership, tuition, travel to major competitions, uniforms and equipment, and professional development.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for us all to responsibly practice social distancing, the Youth Pipes & Drums Program has been paused until such time that it is safe for us to once again gather and make music together. During this time, our team has been and will continue to work closely with public health officials and the community as we plan for the new normal.

While this may seem like an obvious announcement, we wanted to share this news with you directly. You, as a generous supporter of the Youth Pipes & Drums Program through the Nova Scotia International Tattoo Foundation, are what makes this program possible. We also wanted to use this as an opportunity to once again express our sincere gratitude. Thank you for supporting not only the program but Nova Scotian youth. Youth who participate in music programs develop skills that help them in life, learning and work.

Please trust that while our team is hard at work making preparations for the Tattoo's triumphant return in 2021, we also look forward to officially opening the Youth Pipes & Drums Program for applications.

Our team will continue to provide you with updates on the program. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly anytime or to Director of Development, Kathryn Levandier.

Again, thank you for your loyal support.

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