

From the community: Avoca orchestra students use talents for hurricane relief



Avoca West Elementary orchestra students, Hallie Horwich, Serena Szalai-Raymond and Hannah Herz pose with their violins, which helps raise \$3,200 for hurricane relief. (Posted by harriss4, Community Contributor)

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Avoca School District 37 has always been proud of their accomplished fine arts program, but is even more excited to see students use their talent and ambition to impact the world beyond the classroom walls. Avoca West Elementary orchestra students, Hallie Horwich, Serena Szalai-Raymond and Hannah Herz, driven by compassion held a concert on September 24, 2017, to raise funds for families that lost their homes during hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Hallie was particularly motivated to help as she has ties to the parts of Florida affected by Irma's destruction. Hallie's leadership led to three benevolent third grade violinists, who play in Avoca's orchestra, to perform in a benefit concert to extend their fundraising potential and draw attention to the cause. Hallie, Serena and Hannah raised approximately \$3,200 through the [American Red Cross](#) online donations site and at the event. It reiterates a phrase commonly used at Avoca, that everything big starts with something small and illustrates how a little kindness and creativity can go a long way.

If you were unable to attend the concert and would still like to contribute, visit www.justgiving.com and search for Hallie, Serena and Hannah's Hurricane Relief Concert.

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