

Foundation gives kids violin experience

The Little Stars Foundation recently successfully completed a four-week violin workshop.

It's the sixth straight year TLSF has been providing free music workshops for local kids.

Foundation officials said the introductory level workshop is aimed at introducing music and specifically violin to elementary kids, since there is no band or orchestra program offered at elementary schools in Plymouth-Canton school district.

This year, more than 20 local kids ages 6-11, many of whom had never touched a musical instrument before,

were able to take advantage of it.

The workshop was led by foundation co-founders Alan and Anna Sun, with assistance from TLSF members Richard Hou, Mandy Lu and Yihong Tong. The workshop used various methods, including games and interactive activities, to make learning the violin easy and fun.

After four weeks students learned the fundamental skills of violin playing and were able to play a few songs, such as *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*.

A graduation recital takes place today (Thursday) at the Canton Township administration building. All workshop

participants will have an opportunity to play songs themselves in front of an audience composed of family members and friends.

Community Financial Credit Union supported this year's workshop through summer sharing program.

The workshop is designed to get kids started on the instrument and expose them to playing. After six years of workshops, more than 160 children have benefited from the program.

For more information regarding TLSF, please visit the group's website at www.thelittlestars.org/ or contact Yihong Tong at 734-981-1947.



Alan Sun, co-founder and director of The Little Stars Foundation, led a group rhythm exercise during a previous workshop.