Dear Friends,

Music Maker Relief Foundation has relocated from Pinnacle to Hillsborough, North Carolina. We are glad to join the thriving Raleigh/Durham community. Our family is settling into our cozy log cabin nestled in the woods. Next door, MMRF supporters Larry Shores and Dave McGrew are renovating an old workshop to be our new offices.

Our Visiting Artist program brings recipients to our headquarters. We get to know each other and learn of the artist’s needs. Past visits have brought forth some incredible music, which we are now releasing through our Tour Support program. This program grants CDs to the artists free of charge.

To support this cause join the Givin’ It Back Record Club and receive a new release by a Music Maker artist every three months. All of the Club releases have been big hits starting with Captain Luke & Cool John in December, Carl Rutherford in March and this June, Jerry McCain.

Jerry has been making classic records since the early 50s and this is the first acoustic album ever by this prolific artist. As a member one receives the first copies of an album prior to public release. Your memberships help us issue new recordings.

We are very excited to also offer new albums by recipient artists George Higgins and Cora Mae Bryant. These are the first albums ever for these artists, who have been performing their music for over 50 years.

With warm regards,

Timothy & Denise Duffy
Artist Notes

Carl Rutherford was in bad shape this spring and ended up in the hospital. We are overjoyed he is now well enough to travel and have bought him a ticket out East. He will spend a month visiting family and friends in West Virginia and playing for our first picnic on June 16th.

J.W. Warren has recovered from his heart attack and is doing well.

North Carolina Mountain musicians Lena Ray and Ransom Davis are new recipient artists.

Cootie Stark and Cool John Ferguson made blues history by performing the first blues concert in Zancudo, Costa Rica. This event was sponsored by Bill Lucado.

Big Boy Henry, one of North Carolina’s premier blues artists has retired but still loves to receive visitors at his home in Beaufort.

Captain Luke is doing well and we are presently looking for a new car for the man. Contact us if you have one to donate or want to help us purchase him one.
Jerry "Boogie" McCain, Unplugged
Jerry "Boogie" McCain is the greatest post-war harp player alive today. Jerry and The Brothers in the Kitchen hope you enjoy this intimate set of down home blues.

Cool John Ferguson
Cool John presents a tour de force electric guitar masterpiece. Taj Mahol states, "he is among the five greatest guitarists I have heard in my career."
Cora Mae Bryant, Born with the Blues
Cora Mae Bryant is the daughter of Georgia guitar legend Curley Weaver. Her father took her to house parties with Blind Willie McTell and Buddy Moss. She grew up taking it all in, singing along, sitting on the knees of the men who created this music.

George Higgs, Tarboro Blues
George Higgs was born in 1930 in a farming community in Edgcombe County, North Carolina. He plays Eastern Carolina blues on harp & guitar in a most relaxing style.
Bill Lucado of Gray, Georgia has been elected to the board of directors of MMRF. This May, Bill most generously donated a John Deere tractor to Willie King and his Rural Members Association.

We owe a special thanks to our supporters. We matched the entire $100,000 Lucado Challenge gift!

We are honored that once again, the Oxford American has pledged a percentage of their music issue's newstand sales to MMRF. Billy Bob Thornton and other artists on this year's Oxford American CD will perform in Nashville at 12th and Porter the second week of July. More details will be posted on our website for this MMRF benefit.

Cool John Ferguson has been a devoted supporter of our mission and has spent the last three years helping many of our recipient artists. To realize the breadth of his efforts, purchase the Carl Rusterford, Captain Luke and Essie Mae Brooks albums, in which he displays his musical genius as a sideman, then purchase his new solo record.

We are proud to announce that Libby Johnson is our new Programs Services coordinator.

We were pleased to see Axel Küster back in the States this spring on his sojourn throughout the South creating the finest photographic archive of the Blues.

Events
Cootie Stark, Cora Mae Bryson, Mudcat, JJ and Tim Duffy will be appearing at the Chicago Blues Festival on June 10th.

John Dee Holeman, Algia Mae Hinson, Lightnin' Wells and Jerry Boogie McCain will be at the Mississippi Valley Blues Festival on July 7th.

The Music Maker Blues Revival featuring Eddie Tige,e, Mudcat, Cool John Ferguson and Beverly "Guitar" Watkins will be at the Kansas City Blues & Jazz Festival on July 21st.

Jerry "Boogie" McCain, Eddie Tischer, John Dee Holeman, Mudcat, Cool John Ferguson will be appearing at the Lucerne Blues Festival in Switzerland this November.
Give Back: $100.00 1 yr. membership

Music Maker CD's: $10.00 each (exc. 1 & 4)
- George Higgs, Torrero Blues
- Core Mac Bryan, Born With The Blues
- Jerry "Boogie" McCain, Unplugged
- Cool John Ferguson
- Jerry "Boogie" McCain/This Stuff Just Kills Me
- Beverly Watkins, Back In Business
- Algis Mac Hinton, Honey Babe
- Cootie Starks, Sugar Man
- Etta Baker, Railroad Bill
- Guitar Gabriel, Deep in the South
- Guitar Gabriel, Volume 1
- John Dee Hulett, Bull Durham Blues
- Neal Pattman, Prison Blues

Various Artists
- Expressin' the Blues
- A Living Past
- Came So Far

Music Maker Poster - 16" x 20" reproduction of photograph of Dave Johnson's hands by Axel Kirstner (quality suitable for framing) $24.00 (exc. 1 & 4)

Post Card Book - A collection of 36 4 1/2" x 6 1/2" photographs by Axel Kirstner $23.00 (exc. 1 & 4)

Cash Donation (fully tax deductible).

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and other assistance. Music Maker’s aid and service programs improve the quality of  
recipients’ lives. Our work affirms to these artists that we value the gifts of music and  
inspiration they have delivered to the world. Our mission is to go back to the  
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