

## Jamie Donahue Music Fund

The “Jamie Donahue Music Fund” was established in the fall of 2018 for the purpose of supporting the Saint Dominic Academy music program. Joe Donahue and Rita Bouchard created the fund in honor of their son, Jamie, a member of the class of 2006. Jamie died unexpectedly on Saturday, March 22, 2014 in Boston from a brain hemorrhage caused by a congenital condition.

In addition to his parents, Jamie was loved dearly by his sister, Kathryn and husband, Gregory McIntosh; brother, Joseph and wife, Leah Allen; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Jamie’s family shared their motivation for the tribute to their son:

“Jamie loved music. He loved listening to music, analyzing it, talking about it, debating about it, playing it loud in the car, playing it on the drums and bass guitar, playing it on WRBC at Bates, and promoting it as an advance person for Rustic Overtones. For Jamie, it had to be rock and roll music. While a student at St. Dom’s, and later at Bates College, Jamie played in bands with friends in many places throughout Maine and New Hampshire. Music – and the people he connected with through music – meant everything to Jamie.

St. Dom’s is establishing a fund to be named the Jamie Donahue Music Fund. The fund will be for the purpose of supporting music programs at St. Dom’s, bringing music into students’ lives, and enhancing their ability to experience the same joys of music that Jamie loved. The fund will provide opportunities in all genres of music, including – of course – rock and roll. Our family is extremely grateful to St. Dom’s; we are pleased with the school’s decision to recognize Jamie’s love for music and to memorialize his music legacy.

When we hear certain songs, it brings up sweet emotions and memories of Jamie. Years passing never lessen these feelings. Jamie would have agreed that this is because music is in us all, as part of the human fabric. We are happy to support St. Dom’s music program, so that other young persons can come to experience and love music as much as Jamie did, for years to come.”

Joe Donahue and Rita Bouchard

To contribute to the Jamie Donahue Music Fund, [click here](#).

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