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Music Student from South Phoenix wins \$10,000 scholarship, chosen for National Public Radio's *From the Top* Broadcast

Rosie's House: A Music Academy for Children trains inner-city students for success

(Phoenix, AZ) – On March 1, at 7 p.m. 16-year old flutist Chaz Salazar will be featured on the radio program *From the Top*. Salazar was also awarded the Jack Kent Cooke \$10,000 scholarship for students with tremendous musical talent and unmet financial need.

Flutist Chaz Salazar competed through a national audition process to be selected for *From the Top*. Salazar credits his instruction at Rosie's House: A Music Academy for Children for his musical and personal success. Due to economic limitations, studying flute with a private instructor was only a dream for Salazar. His band teacher recommended that he audition for Rosie's House and his dream became a reality.

Rosie's House is the only community music school in the nation that provides free music lessons and instruments to children ages 5-18. Inner-city students like Salazar are given the opportunity to study music at Rosie's House - a community-based program that uses music education to enhance "quality of life" issues including teaching discipline, enhancing self-esteem and fostering creative thinking.

"Finding a student that is so accomplished coming from such severe economic conditions is inspiring," says Lisa Utzinger, Manager of Scholarship Programs for *From the Top*. "Without programs like Rosie's House these talented students would never be able to realize their potential. Awarding Chaz the Jack Kent Cooke scholarship is an honor to Chaz's efforts and to the efforts of Rosie's House."

Salazar plans on using the scholarship money to pay for college auditions at conservatories throughout the country. He hopes to one day be the principal flutist with the New York Philharmonic.

About Rosie's House: A Music Academy for Children:

Rosie's House was founded in 1996 by Rosebell Schurz. Growing up in Munich during World War II, Rosebell's passion for playing the violin was overcome by the sad circumstances of the war. She founded Rosie's House in a small house in South Phoenix to give children from low-income families the chance to experience the beauty of music in their lives. Our mission is to provide under-served youth of Greater Phoenix with the gift of music, which enhances their daily lives by providing direction, stability and tools for future success. The academy offers over 300 group and private lessons a week in string instruments, piano, brass and woodwind instruments, and a variety of ensembles (including chorus).

More info www.rosieshouse.org

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