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Chime-In holiday reception held

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The 5th Annual Holiday Reception for Chime-In took place on December 16 at the Hayward City Hall Rotunda. Money raised will be used to purchase musical instruments, sheet music, and support music programs at Hayward schools.

Attendees mingled, listened to brief speeches and sampled refreshments, then generously opened their checkbooks. Since inception, this popular fundraising event has collected over \$100,000 for Hayward's school music programs. Students from several local schools including the Mt. Eden Chamber Choir and Jazz Ensemble, entertained during the event.

According to the Alameda County Superintendent Schools, Sheila Jordan, "Chime-In began as a coalition of District, City and County personnel working together and then became its own separate non-profit organization." Jordan adds, "The now annual Chime-In fundraising event demonstrates how the city of Hayward, the County Office of Education, Hayward Unified School District, the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses are working together to help students and support music in the schools."