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*Summary: New Orleans is known for its jazz. That's probably what attracted University of Minnesota, Morris alumna Nancy (Rippe) Burtchaell '88, originally from Glenwood, to the city.*

(November 1, 2005)-By Ben Edwards, UMM News Service -- New Orleans is known for its jazz. That's probably what attracted University of Minnesota, Morris alumna Nancy (Rippe) Burtchaell '88, originally from Glenwood, to the city. But in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Burtchaell, her husband and two children lost everything. Both musicians in New Orleans and who lived in the area, they were left after the storm without even their instruments.

UMM is also known for its jazz: student jazz ensembles and combos, under the direction of Dr. James Carlson, and the annual Jazz Fest that attracts high school jazz musicians to UMM for three days of clinics as well as evening performances with renowned jazz guest artists. UMM jazz ensembles traditionally take biennial trips to the New Orleans Jazz Festival.

Seeking a way in which UMM jazzers could help "one of their own," UMM Jazz Ensemble officers organized a fundraiser, which was held during the October 7 and 8 jazz concerts. Jazz students raised \$845.75 by donating half of all the performance's admission cost as well as taking donations during the concert.

The UMM jazz bands are comprised of four individual groups including Cougar Jazz II, Cougar Jazz I, Jazz II and Jazz I. For more information about UMM Jazz Ensembles and upcoming performances, visit <http://www.morris.umn.edu/academic/music/index.shtml>.

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