For nearly a year, Covid-19 has changed our lives and community. Like each of us, local nonprofits have demonstrated adaptability and resilience to continue their missions. While food and medicine delivery services quickly mobilized, arts and culture organizations also needed to think differently.

The abundance of beloved local arts, creative, and cultural groups are defining features of our region. Throughout the pandemic, people have sought solace from them – and they have delivered. One inspiring example is an ongoing series of livestream performances led by the Howland Chamber Music Circle. “It all started with a phone call from the Stevens Family, founders of the Howland Chamber Music Circle, and fund holders at Community Foundations” said President Margery Groten. “They reached out to ask that we continue the legacy of investing in talented, young, and hungry artists who were being affected by venue closures. To accomplish this, the family offered a matching contribution to support the musicians and broadcast the performances. Together we could give the performers the joy of having an opportunity to perform, and through livestreams, expand access to new audiences.”

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