



### **Hospitality. Excitement. Pride.**

These three simple, yet powerful words described our performance in late June.

On Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2018, thirteen IU Marching Hundred members (past and current) joined together to play at an event like we typically do throughout the year. This party, however, was no ordinary event or occasion. This one was special.

Mary Susan Buhner, BA'94, contacted us to surprise her daughter, Susannah Buhner, and the rest of their family and friends at Susannah's high school graduation open house. Mary Susan wanted to do something extra special because Susannah is the seventeenth member of their family to attend our beloved Indiana University!

But this performance ALMOST didn't happen! A couple of weeks prior to the event, we were having trouble forming a band with the right instrumentation. We had a great number of trumpet players but lacked numbers in other areas to balance out the sound. As representatives of Indiana University and the Marching Hundred, we wanted to ensure a quality performance. So, we were faced with a difficult decision. Do we perform knowing our band will not sound the best or do we cancel the event?

Well, we didn't want to disappoint Mrs. Buhner, so we kicked it into high gear and pushed to get a stronger and more well-balanced group. Thanks to the efforts of our coordinator, Sean Christie and current and former members of the Marching Hundred Alumni Council, we were able to find a solid ensemble just in time for the event.

The band consisted of one piccolo, two mellophones, six trumpets, two trombones, one baritone, and a single tuba. We even had two Redstepper alumni join us! We performed "Indiana, our Indiana"; "Indiana Fight"; and "Hail to Old IU" as the crowd clapped and sang along. There was an abundance of hospitality, excitement, and pride for Susannah and Indiana University!

**[Click here](#)** to watch a video of the performance.

These performance opportunities mean so much more to our community and hosts than we may recognize. They also benefit us and the Marching Hundred. We ask hosts to consider making a

contribution to the **Marching Hundred Instrument Fund**, which allows the Marching Hundred to acquire the resources they need for the acquisition and repair of instruments for the Marching Hundred.

We highly encourage any and all of our MH alumni to get involved and perform with us at a couple events each year!

**Interested in having the Alumni Band to perform at your next event?**

Please complete our **request form**.

**Special shout out and thanks to current MH member, Alex McGill and recent graduate, Griffin Rushton for joining the alumni band and helping make this performance possible.**