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Making music for an audience is, at its core, an act of giving. Thankful for what he has and eager to find a way to give back to organizations he is passionate about, Phoenix musician Brian Chartrand wants to take this idea a lot further in 2013. Chartrand came up with a novel idea to help 12 non-profit organizations which inspire him. His program, which is called "Check 1-2," will donate 90% of the digital music sales of his latest album "The Voce Project" to 12 Arizona organizations, one per month. Donations will come from iTunes sales of Chartrand's latest album, "The Voce Project" which features some of Arizona's finest musicians and highlights the band's diversity; a diversity which is mirrored in the non-profits Brian chose.

The 12 organizations and their months are as follows:

January: Ear Candy www.earcandycharity.org/

February: Local First Arizona www.localfirstaz.com/

March: Teach for America—Phoenix:

www.teachforamerica.org/where-we-work/phoenix

April: National Kidney Foundation of Arizona www.azkidney.org/

May: KJZZ www.kjzz.org/

June: MIM www.themim.org/

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July: Phoenix Children's Hospital www.phoenixchildrens.com/

August: Phoenix Guide Dog Raisers www.phoenixguidedograisers.org

September: Helping Hands For Freedom www.helpinghandsforfreedom.org/

October: Arizona Animal Welfare League & SPCA www.aawl.org/

November: Stand for Children www.stand.org/arizona

December: International Rescue Committee—Phoenix

www.rescue.org/us-program/us-phoenix-az