Field Music Unit

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The Salaam Shrine Field Music Unit is having a great year. The year started on a shaky basis with only nine band members marching in the Millburn 200th Anniversary Parade. It was a great parade and we were embarrassed by our poor turnout. That parade was a turning point in the 75 plus years history of the Field Music Unit.

Due to the wonderful generosity of some benefactor (or benefactors) that prefer to remain anonymous, we have a brand new landscaping trailer and have rode instead of marching in all but that first parade in 2007. The results have been better than anyone could have thought. Many familiar faces, long time Salaam Nobles, are back and active. Members that were unable to march are back playing with the unit. Members that were ready to quit, didn't . . .

We still have two Christmas Parades to go. Come see us play on the new float in the Madison (November 23, 2007) and Millburn (December 2, 2007) holiday parades.

I want get this article posted to thank our benefactors and let them know how much we appreciate the new trailer. I can only assume it was Santa Claus helping Field Music to stay together so we can continue to help the children served by the Shrine Hospitals.