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Hans Christian Andersen once said, "where words fail, music speaks." Music is a universal language that anyone can use to change the community around them and make it a better place to live. Music is my passion, and I have composed for and played the piano since the age of seven and recently began to play the accordion. I have found that just like dance, music can be used to understand other people and cultures only through listening and feeling. Anna Ines King was a girl from Colombia who grew up to found the Latin Ballet of Virginia and spread the dances and culture of Latin America to members of our community. Her hard work and astounding success in coming to America, pursuing her dreams, and providing access to the arts to many families in Virginia is inspirational. Her dedication to her passion inspires everyone who hears her story to become a dedicated person alike to King someday. Just like King, Ina Yakubeika came to Virginia from Belarus and brought her knowledge and passion for teaching music and accordion. Ina teaches music to both children and adults in Virginia Beach. As a music teacher in Montessori Preschool, she developed a musical program teaching the Russian language through musical activities and native Russian songs. As a tribute to her community, Ina Yakubeika works in the nonprofit organization Accordion Renaissance. She is the conductor of the Accordion Renaissance Ensemble, a group of amateur musicians who perform songs adapted to the accordion and show the audience the beauty of the instrument. As an active member in this organization, she gives free accordion lessons to children who are interested in music and would like to play the accordion. Through this program, the love of the accordion is spread to the community and makes a difference in many lives. Yakubeika's enthusiasm for music and the accordion makes a difference in the lives of the people around her, including myself. Due to her impact, I have joined the Accordion Renaissance Ensemble, and am able to see the joy our group brings to the audience with our every performance. Just like Carlos Santana summarized the perception of music, "if you are listening with your heart, you could find angels everywhere you are." This is what my teacher Ina Yakubeika does; she inspires and brings joy to everyone's hearts in our community through her dedication to music.