

Loren's Badass Chick: Julie Leven

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This week's **Badass Chick** is violinist **Julie Leven**, founder of **Shelter Music Boston**, in which professional musicians [play](#) small concerts for the homeless.

Julie had always grown up playing the violin and grew up to make it her life's work. In 2009, Julie read an article about a fellow violinist in Manhattan who played to homeless shelters in New York. Inspired by her work, Julie decided this needed to be done in Boston too, so she created Shelter Music Boston. Julie created a sustainable non-profit organization which pays their professional musicians to [play](#) for various homeless shelters in the area. Julie is a firm believer that regardless of what path you walk in life, you deserve high-quality music.

In 2010, Julie started out by playing at just two homeless shelters in the area. Now, just six years later, Julie and her fellow [musicians](#) are playing in over ten shelters around Boston. Not only does Julie love bringing professional-quality music to shelters, but she loves that she can connect with the residents and chat with them about their common love of music.

I adore the fact that Julie has found a way to not only make a living out of following her passion, but she also has found way to bring it to those who ordinarily wouldn't be able to have access to it. For that, she is my Badass Chick!

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