

*Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. / (808) 945-7878*



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## **An Anniversary Note from the founder**

The name, "Sounding Joy", and a clear vision for an organization were given to me as if it were echoing to people's thirst for music therapy here in Hawaii. Since then, a year has past, and Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. has come a long way. The compassionate board and staff members have made many achievements possible in this very first year of our organization:

In November '02, the first official board meeting was held at Calvary By The Sea Lutheran Church in Honolulu. Everyone got excited about our organization's unique, innovative mission, to promote music therapy, the only organization of its kind currently existing in Hawaii.

In December '02, the application for tax-exempt status, 501(c)(3), was filed with IRS. In May '03, the awaited determination letter

finally arrived from IRS, stating that we now are lawfully tax-exempt.

In June '03, our official logo was born by collaboration with a local designer and our staff, a flying dove sprinkling musical notes (see above). This symbolizes abundant love for all through music.

In July '03, the organization actively started operation. Currently, 8 clients with disabilities are receiving regular music therapy sessions (dozens are on the waiting list) and many music therapy seminars are scheduled. On 24<sup>th</sup>, a local TV station aired a short segment on music therapy and introduced our organization, which became a great outlet for us to connect to the public.

Our journey has just begun, but we are so certain that music therapy reveals its power to touch people and bring Joy into their lives.

## **Money Front**

As of 9/1/03, we have so far received private donations of \$2,300 in total. We are especially grateful for these generous contributors, who put their trust in us for making people's dreams come true.

Our music therapy programs also have been subsidized by some state and local non-profit agencies, Department of Education, Goodwill Industries, Easter Seals and VSA arts, in order to make our services available to the community. However, their funds are extremely limited, because music therapy is new to them.

Our financial goal for this and coming years is to raise about \$155,000, in order for us to fully operate independently, and it is vital for the lives of our clients. We are now in the process of applying for grants from Weinberg Foundation, K.L. Castle Foundation and Atherton Family Foundation.

We appreciate your continuous support in developing our financial capacity.



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We'll soon be on the Web!

See us at:

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## Sounding Voice

We have been hearing many positive and happy responses from those who participate in our music therapy programs. Here are their real voices.

"I have been searching for an answer to 'What is Music Therapy?' and found it when I watched your video clips of music therapy sessions at your seminar"

- A student at UH

"Playing music has been my true therapy!"

- A client with mental ill

"I'm happy!"

- A boy with autism

"She adores music... when she's agitated it (music therapy) can calm her down - when she's sleepy it can bump her up... it gives her great pleasure."

- A mother of a girl with Rett Syndrome



## Benefit Concert Scheduled on 12/6/03

It has been on the table for quite some time to determine what would be a beneficial, realistic fundraising activity for our organization. Among many great ideas suggested, a small-size benefit concert seemed to appeal to us as our first step.

We plan to call one or two local big name performers to participate in the event, and Keiko, Dr. Harvey, Ron Tish and others will happily join in with their musical talents,

also. Please keep us in your mind, as we prepare for complex tasks and may face obstacles, since none of our staff has essential experience in planning major fundraising event. Any suggestions or volunteers are welcome!

The concert will be held at Calvary By The Sea Lutheran Church in Honolulu at 7pm on Saturday, December 6, 2003.

## Upcoming Events...

Tuesdays, Sept. 30 – Nov. 5, workshops for children with special needs at The Movement Center.

Wednesdays, Oct. 1 – Nov. 12, ARC arts training sessions at VSA arts.

Oct. 3, music therapy seminar at Department of Health (NOT open to the public).

Dec. 6, Benefit Concert at Calvary By The Sea Lutheran Church.

Jan. 23 - 25, 2004, Keiki Resource Fair at Blaisdell Exhibition Center.

Please call Miki, Program Coordinator, at 754-1456, or e-mail us for details.

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