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People of Hawaii Enthusiastically Say, "YES" to Music Therapy!!



Last year, Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc., among many other non-profit agencies in Hawaii, learned about the possibility of losing

our biggest portion of funding from the Department of Human Services, which currently supports music therapy services for at-risk youths and needy families. This year, **Senate Bill 1666 (SB1666)** was introduced to Hawaii legislators, which argues the allocation of this funding originated from federal programs for **Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)**. Currently, this bill is going through different measures and committees and looks to have positive outcomes from this year's legislative session. Thank you for your enduring support for this matter.

The official hearing for this bill was held on 2/3/09 at the State Capitol. Our two music

therapists, executive officers, Karen K. Kei and Keiko Kajiwara, testified and were supported by overwhelming **testimonies** sent by many of our clients, their families, and community members. The powerful testimonies heard in the hearing about Sounding Joy's services funded by TANF grants have tremendously helped to raise our organization's visibility and awareness of the benefits of music therapy. And moreover, YOUR testimonies touched the policy makers' hearts to understand how important this bill is to people of Hawaii.

As we approach the end of the 2009 legislative session, it's still uncertain what the total outcome of this bill will be. However, it is clear that the voice of Hawaii's people was heard and the people at the Capitol will seriously consider that necessary services, including music therapy, should still be provided to people in need. If you are interested in finding out more about SB 1666, please go to the Hawaii Capitol's website: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/> and click on "Bill Status and Documents" to check the status of this bill.

"SOUNDS OF JOY" Benefit Concert held on 1/18/09, Cerebration of Music, Art and Humanity

It was a huge honor for us to have **Dr. Clive Robbins**, Founding Director of Nordoff-Robbins Center for Music Therapy at New York University (<http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/music/nordoff/>), in our recent benefit concert, "Sounds of Joy." Dr. Robbins gave the first official presentation about Nordoff-Robbins Creative Music Therapy in Hawaii, an evolutionary approach developed more than a half century ago together with **Mr. Paul Nordoff**, a seriously gifted American musician and composer. Their approach is much respected around the world, helping thousands of people with special needs, utilizing the power of clinical improvisation in music.



Honoring the event, State Representative, **Mr. John Mizuno**, together with **students from Farrington High School**, kindly presented an acknowledgment from the State House. Then, the audience had a privilege to listening to our own amazing local musicians, **Mr. Ozzie Kotani** and his talented student, **Ms. Lori Kidani**. They performed breathtaking Slack-key pieces, deeply touching our soul. The **Senior Adult Ukulele Choir from Waiālae Baptist Church** gave a big finale with their joyful sound. And not forgetting our 3 clients who gave their best in their performances. We were so proud of them. Another special addition to this year's concert were the 3 local ceramists, **Ms. Diane KW**, **Mr. Daven Hee**, and **Mr. Joel T. Park**, who donated their museum-quality artwork to Sounding Joy to raise funds for music therapy services through silent auction.

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Music Therapy Class at HPU postponed to Fall '09

The anticipated Music Therapy introductory course, "**Music Therapy: Theory & Practice**", at **Hawaii Pacific University** was postponed to Fall 2009. Please contact Ms. Bonnie Chan, MA, Board Certified Music Therapist, at bonnie.chan@doh.hawaii.gov or call Sounding Joy at 593-2620 for more info.

Serving Our Community

In February, Sounding Joy's Scientific Advisor, **Dr. Reiner Haus** revisited Hawaii to generate an international partnership project for building an infrastructure for music therapy training curriculum in Hawaii. He also gave numerous music therapy presentations in our communities: **Music Dept., UH at Manoa (2/2)**, **Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (2/3)**, **John A. Burns School of Medicine, UH (2/3)**, **Shriners Hospital (2/4)**, **Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific (2/4)**, and **Hawaii Pacific University (2/5)**. Each presentation gathered a larger crowd, indicating the local public's serious interest in music therapy. Sounding Joy believes serving the community through training music therapists locally is the long-term solution to respond to Hawaii's unique needs.

Money Front

As we face financial uncertainty in coming years, Sounding Joy has been vigorously searching for grant opportunities to which we can apply. We have applied for 2 grants from Department of Health to help **children through Early Intervention** and treat **drug-abuse among women in pregnancy**, which unfortunately were declined. We also applied for "**ATLANTIS**" **exchange grant** from the US Department of Education. It involves 3 European Universities, UH, HPU, and Sounding Joy, building an international effort to benefit the development of a music therapy training program in Hawaii. Another application has just been submitted to Department of Human Services, seeking assistance for **statewide music therapy services for youths**. As grants are unpredictable to our financial stability, we always appreciate your continued support!!

Upcoming Events...

- **Saturday, April 25**, MT resources at **Special Parent Information Network Conference** at UH. And, participating in "**Taste of East Oahu**" fundraiser at Calvary By The Sea Lutheran Church.
- **Wednesday, April 29**, MT resources at Hawaii Chapter, **National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Conference** at Shriners Hospital.
- **Saturday, June 13**, MT resources at **Walk Now** hosted by **Cure Autism Now** on Magic Island.
- **Tuesday, June 23**, MT presentation at a caregiver conference by **Alzheimer's Association** on Kauai.
- **Summer 2009**, "**Music as Therapy**" **on-line course**, MUS 400, taught by Dr. Arthur Harvey at UH at Manoa. For more info, email aharvey@hawaii.edu or visit: <http://www.musicforhealthservices.com>
- **Fall 2009**, "**Music Therapy: Theory & Practice**", taught by Ms. Bonnie Chan, MA, MT-BC, at Hawaii Pacific University. For more info, email bonnie.chan@doh.hawaii.gov or call us at 593-2620.

Sounding Joy goes to Kauai!

Sounding Joy will join a **conference on Kauai** hosted by the **Alzheimer's Association** on June 23. This is the first time for Sounding Joy to present on Kauai. Music therapy for people with Alzheimer's and the caregivers will be presented. We'll announce the details of the conference as more info becomes available.

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

Not audited

CARRY OVER from 2007	\$ 25,268
INCOME	
Donations	\$ 7,779
Grants	\$162,544
<u>Program Fees</u>	<u>\$ 19,362</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$189,685
EXPENSES	
Advertisement	\$ 1,075
Fundraising Cost	\$ 2,265
L&P Fees	\$ 914
Office:	
Supplies	\$ 4,342
Musical Instruments	\$ 46
Furnishing	\$ 257
Rent	\$ 12,231
Telephone & Utilities	\$ 1,262
Travel	\$ 2,775
Wages:	
Music Therapy	\$136,010
Payroll related Taxes	\$ 1,978
<u>Workers' Compensation</u>	<u>\$ 1,162</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$164,317
ENDING BALANCE of 2008	\$ 50,636

Changes in Staff

Sounding Joy's Treasurer, **Ms. Miki May**, has now joined the real estate team at **Prudential Locations LLC**. She continues to support Sounding Joy by raising funds for our services by **donating a portion of her commission**. For any questions about Miki's new position or any real estate questions including being a first-time home buyer, contact her at (808) 754-1456 or mihomiki.may@pruhawaii.com. We welcome music therapy intern, **Ms. Jessica Klein**, from the University of Pacific. She is a local girl and will be with us through October.