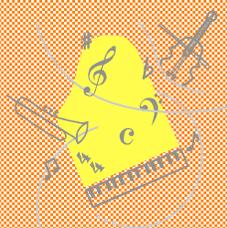


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## Challenges for Music Therapy Clients

Since the establishment of Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. 2 years ago, increasing number of people have contacted us to request music therapy services. Currently, we have about three dozen people on our list, waiting for music therapy services to be funded for them. This may indicate that our organization's work to raise awareness of the benefits of music therapy has been effective, however not many were able to receive actual services.

Receiving funds for music therapy services usually is a long, painstaking, difficult process, which many clients and their parents have to go through, and often fight for their rights.

Ms. Benita, a mother, whose son, Justin, receives weekly music therapy from our organization, feels very fortunate to have it for her son, acknowledging the complication of the funding process. Justin, now is 10, was born prematurely and has related learning disabilities. She wrote about what a difference music therapy has made in

Justin's life as follows:

*"Since Justin*

*has been receiving music therapy over the last year, he has been able to maintain his focus and his attention span better.*

*His hand and eye coordination has also improved. Justin is able to play a melody on the piano using both hands and all his fingers with much ease.*

*He has progressed significantly, his music therapist has been both patient and nurturing. Justin has benefited greatly from music therapy treatment this year."*

Justin continues to receive music therapy for another year, however his funding will end then, as is true in most cases with our other clients. It is an ongoing challenge for our music therapy clients to continuously receive the services, which cannot be replaced by other mediums. Our organization aims to raise funds and receive grants for music therapy for our clients' sake, whose lives have been challenging enough already.



## Participating in NonProfit Business Plan Competition



In May, Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. participated in the first NonProfit Business Plan Competition sponsored by Hogan Entrepreneurs / Bank of Hawaii. About 80 local NOPs submitted their plans and three received awards, which we were not chosen for, but many judges recognized our mission as very unique and much needed for our community. The participants' profile is available upon request.

## Donate Free Spaces & Computers?

Our organization currently is looking for an office, therapy/conference rooms and computers. A growing demand in music therapy services in our community and increasing administrative tasks require us to have our own functional space and equipment to accommodate all the needs that have been arising. The fair market value

of the rent and the computer equipment is 100% tax-deductible when you donate those to Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. Especially, if you own a vacant space or unused computer, which is not benefiting you, it could be a wise option to consider donating to Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc.

Please contact Keiko at (808) 945-7878.

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## Money Front

As of July, all our doors to receiving grants were closed. The grantors' responses indicated their limitations in current funding capacity, but encouraged us to reapply in the future. Our plan to apply for a grant from The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation is underway, but is currently being reviewed to see if their funding criteria match to our activities. The lack of fund created a serious situation for our operating staff, and they are now working on a voluntary basis. We need your prayers and support for breaking through this tough time of financial crisis at our organization.

Thank you very much for your generous gifts to cover some of our unpaid start-up costs, responding to our last newsletter. We were able to pay \$1,300 of the costs, and about \$2,700 still remains to be paid off. We appreciate your continuous support for this issue.

Despite all our needs, our music therapy programs continue to be subsidized by state and local non-profit agencies, Department of Education, Department of Health, Goodwill Industries, Easter Seals, and we receive many referrals from other organizations and individuals as well.

## New Fundraising Opportunities Underway

This Fall, Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. will participate in major local charity fundraising programs to raise money for our ever-increasing operation costs.

### The first is: "Sony Open in Hawaii 2005 Charity Pre-sell Ticket Program"

sponsored by Friends of Hawaii Charities, Inc. It will admit you to the Sony Open PGA Tour golf tournament, scheduled January 10-16, 2005 at the Waialae Country Club on Oahu. The ticket costs \$10 each, and our organization will retain half the cost. While you enjoy the golf tournament, you will raise money for us! Please purchase as many tickets as you can by returning the enclosed order form to us.



### The second is: "Give Aloha Annual Community Matching Gifts Program"

sponsored by a local supermarket chain, Foodland. When you shop at Foodland or

Sack N Save during the month of September, please name Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. as your charity organization at the checkout. You can make tax-deductible donations in any amount up to \$249 per person, and Foodland will match your gift. Please mention our **organization's code# 78277** when you make donations.

Lastly, remember us, when you buy or sell real estate properties.



**"Community Give Back Program"** sponsored by Abe Lee Realty, will donate 25% of their broker commission to us, when you just mention our name as your beneficiary.

Contact Miki, Program Coordinator, at (808) 754-1456 for program details.

We look forward to your participation in those programs to support music therapy!

## A New Music Therapist on The Island

Meet Ms. Jungrim Moon, a music therapist, who will start serving our community in this September. She is a New York University graduate, holds a master's degree in Music Therapy, and has worked with people of

many different ages and populations in the New York area. She is very excited about promoting music therapy in Hawaii through her work as an independent contractor with Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc.. Welcome, Jungrim!

## Upcoming Events...

September 9 – December 9, 2004, "Music as Therapy" training courses led by Dr. Harvey. Open to anyone who desires to gain insight about the therapeutic uses of music and some practical techniques. Thursdays at 7:30 pm at Calvary By The Sea Lutheran Church in Aina Haina. Registration is required to attend the courses.

**October 23, 2003, "Sounds of Joy"**, the second benefit concert presented by our organization, is scheduled for 7:00 pm at Calvary By The Sea Lutheran Church in Aina Haina. Mark your calendar! More information will be available in the media.

Please call Miki, Program Coordinator, at (808) 754-1456, or e-mail us for details.



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