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## **We Are Making Strides!**

We are very excited to bring the latest breaking news to you in this issue. As we make history with Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. our prayers are being answered one by one, and we are so thankful to all of you who put your trust in us and encourage us in every step we make.

**First: We now have an office!** Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc.'s search for our home has finally ended due to an incredibly generous offer from Mr. & Mrs. Curtiss and Yvonne Ako, who made us able to afford this beautiful ocean view office on South King Street in Honolulu. Also, we would like to acknowledge our officer, Ms. Miki May, her family, and Sand Sea Inc. for their prompt action pertaining this great opportunity. After several weeks of renovation and improvements, the office is finally ready to operate. It will function as an administrative office, a public resource center, a seminar room, and a music therapy clinic. The address is: **1314 South King Street, Suite 711, Honolulu, HI 96814,**



which we will officially change to

from our current one after an opening party that is planned for Saturday, September 3rd. All are invited to the opening party (See "Upcoming Events..." section on the 2nd page for details)!

### **Second: Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc.'s grant request is approved for the first time!**

The grants panel reviewed our application for the grants from **Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and The Arts**, and our request was approved. The amount of the approved grant was much smaller than what we requested, but receiving the good news thrilled us, since it is the first-ever grant acceptance our organization has received. Our special thanks go to Dr. Maryellen Markley, who generously contributed her time and effort volunteering as an adviser and helping to complete the application process.

Now, as Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. is expanding and thriving further for our mission, we humbly ask you for your continuous support more than ever. Mahalo nui.

*Keiko Kajiwara, Founder & President*



## **Sounding Voice**

The voices of our music therapy clients:

"My daughter always looks forward to music therapy, and often asks me when her therapist is coming next."

- A parent of a teen-ager with Autism

"I didn't know that music therapy was so powerful. I couldn't stop crying during the session. Now, I feel much better and relieved."

- A participant in a group music therapy

"Our daughter loves her therapist!!"

- Parents of a child with Cerebral Palsy

"Your therapist is awesome!! My son finally is getting a right treatment."

- A parent of a boy with Autism

"My son stood on the street until his therapist disappeared from his sight..."

- A parent of a child whose service ended

We are on the Web!

See us at:

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## Pan-Pacific Conference on “Music and Healing”

On May 21 and 22, 2005, Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. participated in Pan-Pacific Conference on “Music and Healing” which was hosted by Honolulu Symphony’s outgoing music director Maestro Samuel Wong, M.D. Dr. Wong has founded a non-profit organization, Global Music Healing Institute, to promote Music and Medicine, which scientifically supports the field of music therapy. Dr. Harvey and Keiko both spoke at the conference, which included top researchers from New York and Germany. They represented our organization, emphasizing the need for educating the public about the benefits of music therapy in Hawaii.

The conference was a wonderful opportunity for us to connect to powerful, well-respected individuals in the field. It also served as a moral boost for those who struggle with promoting music therapy here in Hawaii. We wish Dr. Wong much success in his new endeavor!



## Money Front

The Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts has approved our grant request. Currently, they approved \$3,786 for our project and will confirm it after their budget is finalized. Graciously, the grants panel also recommended funding for next year!

Friends of Hawaii Charities, Inc. unfortunately declined our request for funding this year. We hope, with grants from the State Foundation, the other grantors would increase their interest in our work. In the meanwhile, we truly appreciate your continuous support. Thank you!

## Let’s Give “Sony Open” and “Give Aloha” A Chance!

Do you know that you can help Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. raise funds through:

**“Sony Open in Hawaii 2006 Charity Pre-sell Ticket Program”?** When you buy Sony Open PGA golf tournament tickets (\$10/ea) from Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc., half of the sale benefits us. While you enjoy the golf tournament, you will raise money for us! Please purchase as many tickets as you like by returning the enclosed order form to us.



## Changes in Staff

Ms. Jungnim Moon, a Board Certified Music Therapist, who joined our organization last summer, has left for the mainland. She just got married, and started a new life with her husband in North Carolina. She said she had a great, professional experience in Hawaii and will surely miss working with us! Best wishes

Then, remember **“Give Aloha Annual Community Matching Gifts Program”**. 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, and Foodland will match your gift. Please mention our **organization code# 78277** when you make donations.

Please don’t miss participating in these wonderful opportunities to see how your gifts touch people’s lives. Mahalo!

to Ms. Moon! Replacing Ms. Moon is a Registered Music Therapist, Ms. Karen Kei, who also is a Certified Activity Coordinator and works at Hawaii Kai Retirement Community, and has started services to our clients. We are very happy to have her in the Sounding Joy Family. Welcome Ms. Kei!

## “Sounds of Joy” scheduled in October 2005!

### Upcoming Events...

**Saturday, August 20**, 11am – 3pm, a presentation at a luncheon hosted by St. Francis Hospice.  
**Saturday, September 3**, 3pm – 5pm, Opening Blessing & Party for the new office of Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. at 1314 S. King Street, Interstate Building, Suite 711. No reservation is needed. All are welcomed. Please come and join us!

**Throughout September**, “Give Aloha”, Annual Community Matching Gifts Program. Donate to Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. (Code# 78277) at any Foodland or Sack N Save store!

**Saturday, October 29**, a group music therapy demonstration in a seminar at St. Francis Hospice.  
**Saturday & Sunday, October 22&23 (tentatively)**, a “Sounds of Joy” seminar and concert weekend is scheduled. We’ll send you detailed information soon.

For more information, please call Keiko at (808) 945-7878, or e-mail us. Thank you!