



Institute for Music and Neurologic Function

A Member of the Beth Abraham Family of Health Services

Dear Friend of the Institute for Music and Neurologic Function,

As the end of 2007 draws near, we reflect back on what we've accomplished and what remains to be done. Our enclosed 2007 Highlights illustrates that, by helping others take steps toward recovery, we've taken important steps ourselves this past year at The Institute for Music and Neurologic Function (IMNF).

Our clinicians use music therapeutically to encourage the healing process in people who have suffered stroke or other brain trauma, and they inspire those with degenerative neurologic diseases like Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease to make the best use of the function they still have. We work closely with other health professionals, educators, and researchers within and outside the Beth Abraham Family of Health Services to achieve patients' goals for recovery in body and mind.

And yet, music therapy in skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and home care is rarely a reimbursable expense under Medicare or private health insurance plans. Under Medicaid in New York State, it is not yet reimbursable at all. With so many of the patients we serve on Medicaid, we cannot continue our work without your support.

I encourage you to read the success stories of our patients in the enclosed Highlights booklet, since they will inspire anyone who faces adversity. In those stories and in the pages "About the Institute," you will learn why and how IMNF works so hard to provide clinical services for patients, educate and train young music therapists, and conduct research to improve the practice of music therapy for those facing neurological and psychological illness.

A gift to the Institute to continue this work is tax deductible. I urge you to consider giving to IMNF, at any level you can afford. Help us bring the healing power of song, rhythm, and creativity to those who most need our help.

Gratefully yours,

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HOW YOUR DONATION HELPS



Your gift, whatever the amount, enables IMNF to cover the costs of many items and services that are needed for clinical work, training and education, and research activities, including:

Drums, guitars, pianos and dozens of other musical instruments used in group and individual therapy

Audio recording equipment, tapes, and CDs that foster the efforts of patients to create their own music as a healing aid

Video equipment and DVDs that enable our researchers and music therapy interns to examine and improve their work with patients

Digital music equipment to meet the physical challenges of patients in rehabilitation

DVD, CD and MP3 players for patients to view or hear recorded music therapy programs they can practice on their own

Trained and licensed music therapists to develop and implement individualized music therapy programs for patients

Training materials for music therapy interns and other health professionals who use music as part of healing activities

Purchase of standardized patient assessment tools used in IMNF research studies and the development of new patient assessment tools for use in future research

Recruitment and travel expenses for patient subjects who receive free music therapy and other therapies such as speech, occupational therapy, or psychological therapy during IMNF research projects

The services of therapists who provide music, speech, occupational, and psychological therapy to IMNF research subjects

Research journals that help IMNF music therapists stay abreast of the latest research in their field and that of neuroscience

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