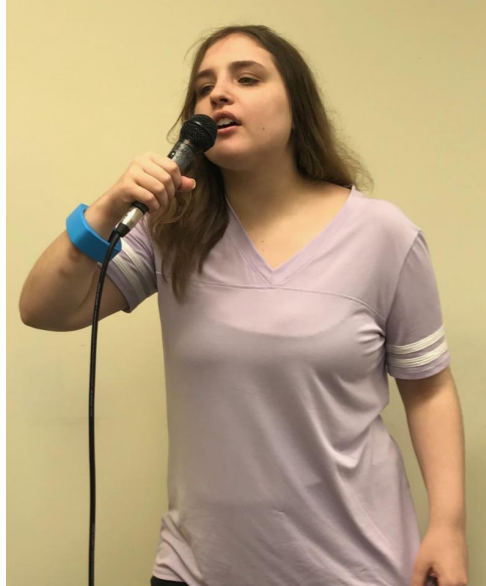


**MusicWorks** *The Delaware Valley's Premier Music Therapy Service Provider*

## Rising Star of the Month



Although still relatively new to the MusicWorks program at Hatboro, Savannah has shown remarkable progress at MusicWorks. Savannah sets a great example for her peers as her interactions are always kind, encouraging, and positive. When she first started, it was an adjustment to settle into her peer group and she was somewhat quiet. But now, she readily engages others with and without music, letting her positive outlook shine. Savannah loves to take the opportunity to sing into the microphone for her peers, something she never would have considered doing before music therapy. She consistently inspires her peers to step out of their comfort zone and try new things. And she always does it with a smile. Congratulations to Savannah, our MusicWorks Rising Star of the Month.

**Jacob Mauersberg, MT-BC**  
**Music Therapist, MusicWorks**

## Grant Information



**KISTLER-TIFFANY**  
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A thank you to The Kistler-Tiffany Foundation for their generous grant providing financial assistance to individuals 21 to 40 challenged by autism, intellectual disabilities, and other mental

health concerns. CFO Brian Daggett personally stopped by MusicWorks to deliver this grant.

We were grateful to receive this grant from Brian ..... someone who loves music, someone who completely understood what we do and why we do it. A huge thank you to Brian Daggett and The Kistler-Tiffany Foundation for supporting MusicWorks!

**Lori O'Leary, MBA**  
Executive Director, MusicWorks

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## **Music Therapy Tip: How can you as a parent or caregiver, help your child or client get the most out of music therapy?**

The most valuable talents we can share with our children, young adults and clients, as parents and caregivers involved in music therapy sessions, are patience, attention, focus and self-confidence. We are in the music therapy session to be their cheerleaders, sources of encouragement, helpers and role models. We are there to help them participate and achieve through music therapy tasks while having fun. When everyone gets involved in the music therapy session, our clients benefit. If we put away the distractions of the world outside and focus on the music therapy session, everybody wins. So, the next time you are in a music therapy session with you child, young adult or client, be a role model and motivator for them to succeed.



**Jerry O'Leary, MA, MT-BC**  
Director of Music Therapy, MusicWorks

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## **Music Therapy in the News**



Read about an amazing moment on America's Got Talent as a young 22 year old performer, blind and autistic, brings the judge's and the house down with a rendition of Leon Russell's classic hit, *A Song For You*, made famous by Donny Hathaway. As Kodi's Mom says, "music and performing...actually has saved his life."

[Read the full story of Kodi here!](#)

**Emily Byrnes, MT-BC**  
Music Therapist, MusicWorks

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# Thank You to Merion Mercy Academy .....



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Graduating senior and leader of Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society, Lia Mazmanian, organized a "dress down" day at Merion Mercy Academy. Students raised \$770.00 to provide one child with financial assistance for over one year at MusicWorks. During this day, students learned more about services to individuals on the autism spectrum and each student received a "puzzle piece" ribbon for Autism Awareness.

**THANK YOU MMA!**

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, July 23, 2019**  
**Sensory Day at LEGOLAND!**  
**Plymouth Meeting Mall**  
**5:00 to 7:00 pm**

BRING the entire family. For this Sensory Event, LEGOLAND is offering a super, duper discount for children and adolescents up to age 17 on the autism spectrum and their families. Tickets at the lowest price offered at \$8.00 per person!



[For More information and tickets .....](#)

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