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#### **Rising Star of the Month**



MusicWorks is proud to acknowledge the efforts of Markeese, as he brings energy to our center every Saturday morning. Markeese started at MusicWorks just two summers ago. He always has a smile on his face and he treats his peers like his best friends. He has a passionate love for music and he is pictured here with Mr. Jake playing the cello. MusicWorks selects Markeese as our Rising Star of the Month.

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

#### **Grant Information**



The Salesforce Foundation, once again, donates to MusicWorks. Six years ago, MusicWorks was the recipient of database CRM software which helped our agency to grow. Villanova Professor Tim Ay provided MusicWorks teams of students to customize this software under the project management of Patrick O'Leary.

This month, Tim Ay, nominated MusicWorks for the Rockstar Grant. We received a generous donation which will continue to help us help our clients! Thank you to Tim for your continual support of our mission and thank you to the Salesforce Foundation for all you have done to help MusicWorks serve more clients.

Lori O'Leary, MBA Executive Director, MusicWorks

### Music Therapy Tip: Suzuki Tone Chimes

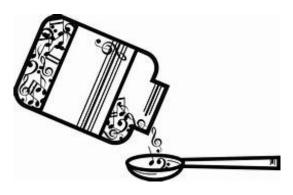
The Suzuki tone chimes are a new addition to the MusicWorks family of interactive instruments. They have a beautiful sound and can be used to make wonderful melodies. They encourage focus, timing and care. Our clients can be shown how to play a melody by following letters on a music chart and the conductor's lead. The group can make a beautiful song from a melody as simple as "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star". These unique instruments can also be used to accent harmonies in repetitive songs like "Shake It Off" by Taylor Swift. The tone chimes encourage



students to try melodic instruments, work together as a group, complete a music task and follow the direction of the therapist who is leading the activity.

Emily Byrnes, MT-BC Music Therapist, MusicWorks

#### **Music Therapy in the News**



This month, we encourage you to read an article published a few years back in Medical News Today that reviews many of the beneficial uses for music therapy. Whether you are looking for a release for pain and anxiety or an effective stress reliever. Or, possibly seeking ways to increase and stimulate memory as you grow older. Maybe you have suffered a brain injury or are affected by seizures. Music therapy is being proven everyday to be an effective alternative therapy in many health care settings.

Click here to read the article!

Schuyler Redden, MT-BC Music Therapist, MusicWorks

#### In Memory of Jim O'Leary

In memory of a strong supporter of MusicWorks, a music lover, a friend and my brother. Jim was enamored with the idea of music therapy when I began my Master's degree over two decades ago. Whenever he found an article in a local Florida newspaper on music or music therapy, it would arrive by mail a few days later. Jim loved to sing and worked hard to teach himself to play guitar in retirement.

While I serve clients, he served our country. Jim proudly served his country as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps from 1962 to 1966. He spent 18 months of his enlistment serving in Vietnam. When he returned to the



USA, he obtained his degree in Criminal Justice and worked as a Volusia County Sheriff for 20 years. I will certainly miss "My Buddy".



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

### **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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