

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

## Rising Star of the Month

Samuel started music therapy sessions with MusicWorks in April of 2019. Sam quickly assimilated to the group and has added positive energy to his music therapy session. He has demonstrated that he is able to take turns, and communicates his wants and needs by using both the PECS book as well as his iPad communication device. He has excelled by interacting with his peers during group activities. Sam LOVES playing the piano, drums, and strumming the guitar. He has been learning to dance with scarves, trying out new instruments, and vocalizing during the Goodbye song. Sam is a wonderful addition to our MusicWorks family!

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



## Grant Information



MusicWorks received its second grant from CCRES Educational and Behavioral Health Services, an organization of dedicated and highly-trained staff members who provide quality services to schools, children, adults, and families. Funds will be used to provide financial assistance to one or two school-age children that are not covered by Medical Assistance and attend small group sessions in our treatment center. Thank you, CCRES!

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

## Music Therapy Tip: The Parachute

Why do we use the parachute in music therapy sessions?

Music therapists use parachutes in music therapy sessions to work on group structure, as well as social and developmental goals. The music therapist adds percussion egg shakers to the parachute and the children are encouraged to keep the eggs in the parachute. They work together as a team throughout this activity. The activity also works on cultivating fine and gross motor skills as they hold the parachute and wave it up and down emphasizing group support and coordination. The parachute is

also a great sensory tool. Some of the kids love to go underneath the parachute and look up at all the colors and motion relaxing them. The parachute offers an unlimited number of ways that children can interact in a music therapy session. And, it puts a smile on the children's faces as they work together on a variety of goals!



**Schuyler Redden, MT-BC**  
Music Therapist, MusicWorks

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## Music Therapy in the News

**music**  
**therapy**



Maggie Carchrie thought she wanted to study musical theater when she was a teenager, but that changed after her mother showed her a segment on the benefits of music on CBS News Sunday Morning. She has been working as a Board Certified Music Therapist (MT-BC) for 21 years!

Read how a music therapy program in Hartford, CT empowers people with disabilities. [Click here to read the article!](#)

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

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## Thank You ..... to the Developmental Pediatric Groups

A huge thank you to CHOP, Nemours, Crozer and St. Christopher's Developmental Pediatric Groups for believing in the power of music therapy and recommending our services to so many of their clients. The physicians and staff work with MusicWorks weekly for the benefit of children and young adults with autism and developmental delays.



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

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## Upcoming Events

MusicWorks will participate this year in the Philadelphia **GenerositySeries Multi-Charity 5K Run/Walk** on Sunday, October 6,

2019, 7:30 am in Fairmont Park. Look for our registration. Run or walk to raise funds for music therapy programs for individuals in need!

Look for our  
**COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER**  
in January / February 2019!

**SAVE THE DATE**

MusicWorks Annual Event at  
DiFabio's in Springfield, PA  
March 28, 2020  
7 pm to 11 pm



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