



Rising Star of the Month

John began music therapy sessions with MusicWorks in November 2018 and has become a high-energy, creative, and social member of his peer group. He loves to give cues during activities and suggests new, interesting ways to play the instruments we use regularly. John always sets a wonderful example for his peers through his confident, creative, and individual music making. He enjoys learning how to play along to different songs at home and bringing them to sessions to share with everyone and this is a delight every single week. MusicWorks recognizes John as our Rising Star of the Month.

Jacob Mauersberg, MT-BC
Music Therapist, MusicWorks



Grant Information from CCRES

MusicWorks was extremely honored to host a site visit by Dr. Michael Kelly from CCRES on September 16. Dr. Kelly observed two music therapy sessions and spoke to our team about our work. This is the second year that CCRES has funded MusicWorks for financial assistance for children. CCRES employs over 1,200 behavioral health and educational staff who support over 1,000 children in school, home and community settings in Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Lancaster and Lebanon Counties.

As an educational and behavioral health service provider, CCRES has formed collegiate alliances with St. Joseph's University, Eastern University, and Capella University. Check out their [Staff continuing education discounts](#) for the children we all serve. With benefits like this, CCRES will grow their Staff! We look forward to Dr. Kelly's next visit.

Lori O'Leary, MBA
Executive Director, MusicWorks

Music Therapy Tip: Jamming with your Toddler



At MusicWorks, we encourage all of our parents to have fun with their children in a music activity everyday (if possible) between sessions. We stress that music interaction between parents and children can maintain a continuity of music, understanding and learning between the weekly music therapy sessions. Recently, a colleague Professor Peggy Tileston from Temple University's Music Therapy Department shared an article highlighting this idea. The article was republished by ABC online from The Conversation written by Liam Viney, a Piano Performance Fellow at The University of Queensland. In the article, a new study suggests that regular informal music making with very young children may have benefits above and beyond those of reading. Enjoy reading about "[Jamming with your Toddler](#)".

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

Music Therapy in the News - A Man with Autism's Music Therapy Journey

Read how a 21-year old man with autism is using guitar playing / instruction to teach himself and others a valuable lesson.

[Click here for full article](#)

Emily Byrnes, MT-BC
Music Therapist, MusicWorks



Thank You

To Board Member Jenn Pruski for organizing the MusicWorks Shake, Rattle and Roll 5K Run/Walk yesterday to benefit music therapy programs!

Thank you to Meredith, Chanda, Nick, Katie, Dan, Olivia, Jenn, and Sara and to MusicWorks Staff Jerry, Lori and Kayla!

Congratulations to Olivia Carson for placing 2nd among girls 4 to 12.... in her first 5K.

Still time to donate through November 9 to our event at: <https://musicworks5k.greatfeats.com>

Lori O'Leary, MBA
Executive Director, MusicWorks



Upcoming Events

Look for our
COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER
in January 25, 2020
Details to follow!

SAVE THE DATE

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



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