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Note of Thanks, Medley of Year's Highlights, & Leap of Faith Forward

Tidewater Arts Outreach (TAO) gives musicians, artists and performers a place to use the arts to enable self-determination and self expression, create special moments of friendship and caring, and share the healing power of the arts for many who are less fortunate. We match caring, creative people with special needs individuals in local facilities and homes. Our first program was in October 2004; since then, 81 artists have shared 119 programs and performances at 47 facilities in seven Hampton Roads cities (nursing homes, assisted living, homeless shelters, special needs day programs, hospitals, transitional youth housing, and HUD housing for seniors), logging nearly 700 artist hours and in

facilities that number above 8,300 clients. We've met and worked with dozens of talented music and arts instructors, performers and specialists, and we have made friends with activities directors, administrators, and many, many clients. Community leaders, arts funders and nonprofit professionals have come forward with advice and support. Special events help augment grants and individual donations, and we hope this trend continues. Many dreams have come true this year. Much happiness has been shared, but there is much more we can do. Thank you for your involvement! We look forward to a second year of creative caring.

Photos, left to right: **Jack and Ellie Hall** play piano duets for the residents of Shelton-on-the-Bay. Seniors love having kids visit! **Amy Ferebee** shows Brittany some guitar basics at Dwelling Place. Children love to hold and play the guitars we bring into shelters. **Larry Berwald** and **Kate Brown**, a Peninsula jazz duo, delighted residents at Newport News Nursing and Rehabilitation Center with masterful guitar and soaring vocals.



Why Do We Do It?

Quite simply, we relish the opportunity to create happy serendipity. It happens when a young boy is at a nursing home with his mom and plays with a nonverbal resident for fifteen minutes, sharing big grins and giggles over hand instruments. More magic: an eight-year-old music student ventures into the nursing home crowd after her group's performance and is greeted with smiles and handshakes. It happens when a special needs adult shouts in delight, when a woman confides, "You've made my month," when artists tell us it's the most fun they've ever had sharing their craft, and when shelter families sing together for the first time. More than anything, we do it because we're asked. Because the arts and music we bring are highly anticipated and appreciated. We believe people need to be visited, valued, and engaged. They deserve more creative opportunities in their lives. For our volunteers, we instill the spirit of giving from the heart, and the arts are our channel. We are working to ensure the future holds more music, performing arts and visual arts for these very deserving people.

Holidays are time for— music and arts

Musical instruments, books, ballet slippers and arts supplies have always made the best holiday gifts. With the proper care, attention and guidance,

We are working with arts groups and health care professionals to learn ways to enhance the creative experiences for our special

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holiday gifts. With the proper care, attention and guidance, these gifts just keep on giving. Harmonicas and bongos go well with teens, and younger kids love percussion of all kinds (make sure they can “play” far enough away that the decibels won’t matter). Upgraded equipment for serious enthusiasts is always appreciated, as are music and arts supplies (think strings, picks, paints, pencils, brushes and paper) and books on musical or artistic subject.

The holidays also are a rewarding time for TAO. There are many facilities, homes and centers that are thrilled to have TAO programs and performers interact with their clients. Music and arts budgets are small and often do not meet the needs. We have spent this past year ascertaining need and building relationships with nearly four dozen facilities in seven Hampton Roads cities. TAO music and arts instructors and performers now share unique and wonderful programs throughout our community.

New Friends



Jacqueline Martin at Harbor Pointe Medical and Rehabilitation Center in Norfolk really enjoyed Jim’s style of old-time and Celtic playing.

enhance the creative experiences for our special needs clients.

Tidewater Arts Outreach is small group, and relatively new. We have plans to grow so that we can serve the people in facilities on our waiting list. Our expenses are not great, but we require ongoing funding so that this important work can continue. We ask you to consider a level of support that is meaningful to you. We will continue to visit people who are frail, old, ill, homeless, disabled, lonely or depressed, and bring to them smiles, joy, music and the healing power of the arts.

Thank you for valuing the work of Tidewater Arts Outreach and helping us realize our mission. **Please complete the form at right and send it with your check to:**

**Tidewater Arts Outreach
512 Twelve Oaks Court
Chesapeake, VA 23322**

Tidewater Arts Outreach is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Your gift is fully tax-deductible.



Residents at Shelton-on-the-Bay enjoyed each other and the music of the Hall family (Mary Jane, Ellie and Jack).

bring more music and arts to Hampton Roads facilities and institutions:

- for one program
 - \$50 pays for an artist or musician to visit a home for one hour
 - \$100 buys a guitar for us to donate to the Centerville Girl's Group Home guitar program
 - \$500 helps us reach thousands through music & arts
- Journaling, art or music lessons
- Write in an amount meaningful to you. We will use it to buy arts supplies, office supplies, or to provide ends.

e-mail address (for our newsletter)

Name as you would like it to appear in our records

Your donation to be used? _____

Twelve Oaks Court Chesapeake, VA 23322 757-754-4486 Thank you for your donation.

Remember, your gift to Tidewater Arts Outreach is tax-deductible. You can be sure your money is augmented by plenty of volunteer efforts and other fundraising activities.

We're selling fresh-roasted coffee this winter, from The Bean Drop Roasting Company in Currituck, NC. Proceeds benefit TAO, so let us fill an order for you soon!

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