GlobalGiving Project:

**Give a Music Magician to Children with Developmental Delay**

**By**

**Taichung City Child Development Center**

**Introduction**

Taichung City Child Development Center is affiliated with Taiwan Fund for Children and Families (TFCF) and has provided Early Intervention Service for children with disability including day-care, home-based intervention and center-based intervention services since 2000. We provide our primary service for special children under 6 years of age. We have a professional team including social workers, childcare workers and therapists to provide the special education service for children with developmental delay. The period before the age of 6 is critical for these special children and Early Intervention and Educational Therapy improve outcomes for developmentally delayed children significantly. We would like to provide an intensive early intervention therapy that is effective for improving cognition and language skills among very young children with autism also normalizes their brain activity, decreases their autism symptoms and improves their social skills. Since Taichung City Child Development Center was established, more than 1000 children with special needs have been assisted and helped reach their maximum potential.

**Project Objective:**

Many studies/researches have been conducted to find the deeper benefits of music therapy. It is a proven effective intervention for children with additional needs, such as physical or intellectual disability or developmental delay and reveals significant developmental improvements including better hearing and speech, improved eye-hand co-ordination, improved attention and communications skills, etc. Children with more abnormalities and greater resistance to therapy cannot communicate well and cause the ineffective treatment due to a wide range of learning, mental, emotional, and physical disabilities. Parents appear stressed and overwhelmed when facing a myriad of problems and the stagnation in treatment. Transportation and other obstacles are associated with seeking early intervention services outside the home especially for whom with lower levels of education and income. These children are unable to receive or fail to receive early intervention for their condition and may cause ineffective treatments. By providing quality music therapy in Early Intervention Education to an average of70 children per week and building support to their families, this program will engage autistic children at their level and interest and helping them develop spontaneous self-expression, emotional communication and social interaction. We know that effective early intervention can transform lives – helping parents back into work, stabilizing children at school and removing the barriers to have healthy and productive lives. Continue to improve children's self-esteem, self-confidence and self-efficacy and ease the financial burden of parents, we believe it is able to reduce health and social care costs in the society.

**Requested Funding Amount:**

USD$10,000

**Donation Option**

* USD$15: will provide transportation and enrollment for ONE child for ONE year
* USD$25: will provide ONE child to complete ONE music therapy course (16 lessons)
* USD$50: buys therapeutic tools with music therapy for all children

**Project Scope**

Provide quality music therapy to an average of70 children per week in a year.

Each music therapy course consists of 16 one-hour weekly lessons.

**Course Overview**

We serve a range of specialized programs and organize music activities incorporating therapeutic tools with music therapy, such as Soundbeam technology, on improving the development of children with multiple disabilities in Taichung, Taiwan. We provide the exploitation of life-related course and join cognitive elements through a combination of music and picture books, and fit the needs of each special needed child and improve stability and movement intensively. We give children free courses of music educational therapy and also provide them with the assistance of transportation timely in order to help ease the financial burden of families with disabilities.

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