

Help A Child Grow Happy and Strong Through Music!

Heartsong Music is privileged to announce our new non-profit, "Heartsong Music Foundation", which brings Music Together® classes to underserved children in the Austin area.

Why our Project Matters:

- Thousands of children in preschools around the country are deprived of joyful musical experiences and musical learning, simply because they cannot afford it to pay someone to bring the enriching benefits of musical play into their classrooms. **We believe that music is a birthright, that all children deserve these experiences, and that we are called to provide them for as many children as possible.** From birth to five years of age is the optimal time to develop one's musical skills. Currently, we are teaching at three low-income, underserved preschools, and we would like to increase that number.
- Most recently, a study conducted in Head Start classrooms in Bridgeport, CT, demonstrated the value of the Music Together In-School curriculum to improving children's outcomes. When compared to a control group, **children whose classrooms utilized the Music Together curriculum showed higher gains in language development, as well as cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development.**

Our Goal:

Heartsong Music Foundation's mission is to **enhance early childhood education for economically disadvantaged children through direct learning experiences, while augmenting the quality of childcare in these preschools with professional development and support for the classroom teachers.** Teaching the Music Together In-School program in child development centers that have been researched and identified as in-need, at no cost to these preschools themselves, enables our foundation to bring music education to underserved children and families in the community.

What is Music Together?

Beloved by millions of families and early childhood educators, the program is now taught in 48 US states and in 40 other countries. **Music Together is based on the recognition that all children are musical; they can learn to sing in tune, keep a beat, and participate in the music of their culture, regardless of any perceived "talent", provided their early environment supports such learning.** Music Together is the only program of it's kind that has utilized decades of research, study, and continued involvement in communities around the world to provide a curriculum that cultivates such a rich musical environment.

Some of the many Benefits of Music Together In-School Program:

- Helps children learn music in developmentally appropriate ways
- Increases cognitive, language, emotional, social, and physical development
- Gives parents enjoyable and significant ways to relate to their children
- Engages at-risk children
- Enhances happiness and well being in the school community
- Guides the classroom teacher in classroom management skills, and the use of music and movement in the classroom throughout the week

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