



# HEARTSONG

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Mike Graessle, President  
White Plains Rotary Club  
P.O. Box 1712  
White Plains, NY 10602

Dear President Graessle,

We are grateful for the support of the White Plains Rotary Club in purchasing equipment for our program, and hope we can count on the Club for continuing financial assistance.

Heartsong, a community based nonprofit organization founded in 1992, has been addressing the needs of children with disabilities for community-based, high quality music and art therapy. Now in our fourteenth year, we are serving 236 children with disabilities from Westchester and surrounding counties, which includes *eighteen children from White Plains*. Thanks to the support we have received from foundations, donors, corporations, service clubs, and government, these children benefit from weekly music and art therapy sessions from September 2005 to May 2006 at an average cost per child of \$3,047 for the 29 program days. Heartsong's high quality programs, provided by Master's trained music and art therapists, are **free to our families**. Our annual budget for the current program year is \$719,000.

Music and art therapy have been shown to enhance functioning, communication skills, socialization, and quality of life as well as reducing isolation of our children and their families. We hope you will continue as a supporter to ensure that our families experience the joy of seeing their children benefit from music and art therapy. Heartsong remains the only community-based *no-fee* program in our area, and we have a waiting list of over fifty families eager to enroll their children.

To learn more about our programs, please visit our website at [www.heartsong.org](http://www.heartsong.org) or contact me directly. Your support means so much to all of us, especially the children of Heartsong!

Sincerely yours,



Gayle M. Cratty  
Founder and Executive Director

A MUSIC AND ART THERAPY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES