

*Section 1. Organizational Information*

Organization Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Authorized Officer for this Grant

Individual's Email Address

Individual's Title

Individual's Phone Number

Have the grant funds been fully expended?

Yes

No

If "No," stop here and contact The Joanna Foundation for consultation.

*Section 2. Grant Summary*Start Date *(date on p.1 - mm/dd/yyyy)*

Grant Amount

Project Title

Overall Purpose *(select one)*

Operating support

Matching funds

Administrative/technical support

Capital campaign

Seed money/startup funds

Facilities/equipment

Specific project/program *(insert title or one sentence summary below)*

Were major changes made to the project after the grant was received?

Yes

No

If "Yes," please explain why and summarize the changes as part of your Summary of Impact.

*Section 3. Summary of Impact*

Separately, using software of your choice, write a concise summary of how the grant helped achieve the objective of the request. For example, you may mention activities to date, progress toward milestones, participation by volunteers, partners or audience members, and/or significant achievements. You may use metrics to show change or anecdotal examples to illustrate impact. You may use bullets or lists. Describe the difference that The Joanna Foundation grant made to your organization in this time frame. We recommend one page of text or less. You may add items that showcase your work, such as a photo, graphic, chart, media article, testimonial, or link to a short video.

**When you are satisfied with your draft, save your Summary of Impact in pdf format, attach any additions, insert your material after this page, and submit the combined file (consisting of this 2-pg form + your materials) as a single pdf file.**

Summary of Impact from Joanna Foundation grant for Music Therapy (MT) for Lowcountry children with birth defects and childhood diseases

Funding for Carolina Children's Charity from The Joanna Foundation supported our grants program and helped to provide children with medical diagnoses of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), Legal Blindness, Congenital Myasthenic syndrome, Down syndrome and other genetic disorders with access to Music Therapy (MT) to enhance development.

In FY 2023, CCC awarded 19 grants totaling \$19,000 for Music Therapy to 9 females and 10 males between the ages of 2-17. Thus far in FY2024, CCC has awarded 17 grants totaling \$17,000 to 8 females and 9 males between the ages of 3-17. Children served resided in Berkeley, Charleston or Dorchester counties in SC.

The \$2000.00 grant received from the Joanna Foundation provided 45-minute Music Therapy sessions at the rate of \$65.00 per session with one of our providers from November 2023 through March 2024 to five of our CCC Diplomats. MT interventions focused on enhancing social, behavioral, communication, motor/sensory, emotional, and academic/cognitive functioning and cognitive skills. It also helps to improve speech, language, auditory, balance, coordination, interpersonal skills and emotional grounding. This therapy allows children to play instruments, sing and dance. Music Therapy is often used in conjunction with Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy and Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy to produce more positive outcomes. The grant funding that CCC provides through provider support allows many of these families to access music therapy treatment, and to give their children the opportunity to express themselves through the universal language of music. CCC is a resource for this therapy when no one else can help. Music Therapy is not covered by insurance.

Because music therapy is a powerful and non-threatening medium, unique outcomes are possible. With young children, music therapy provides a unique variety of music experiences in an intentional and developmentally appropriate manner to effect changes in a child's behavior and facilitate development of his/her areas of need.

Music therapy enhances the quality of life. It involves relationships between a qualified therapist and child; between one child and another; between child and family; and between the music and the participants. These relationships are structured and adapted through the elements of music to create a positive environment and set the occasion for successful growth.

CCC has received updated progress reports from providers showing improvement in these children's expressive and receptive language skills, speech, behavior, self-esteem and self-control, expressive, social skills, problem solving skills, emotional grounding, balance, coordination, cognitive skills and more. A progress report is required with each new request for funding from our unique, local charity. The families we support also share stories highlighting their child's success as attached.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and generosity.

## *Diplomat Story on Isaiah Key*



Isaiah was diagnosed with Autism at age 3 and is also diagnosed with ADHD. Isaiah receives Speech therapy once per week. He has a wide variety of interests, including games such as Minecraft and Roblox, drawing, turtles and Nerf guns.

Isaiah is now 12 and is an amazing kid. He has come a long way with managing his emotions and working with peers and adults. He is learning how to share ideas, compromise when working with a team, and accepting when his ideas are not used. Sometimes, he still gets frustrated, and we are continuing to work on ways to show frustration by using calm words and without using anger or aggression. As this is his first year in middle school, he has had some regression. The music therapy he is receiving has helped put those skills into practice.

The video emailed shows Ms. Abby and Isaiah working together on a collaboration where they play together, then Isaiah gets to "riff" on his own, and then come back to playing together. It's pretty special.

With the support of Carolina Children's Charity, Isaiah has been receiving music therapy for several years. Current goals of Music Therapy include improving coping skills, increasing emotional awareness and expression, increasing flexibility and helping Isaiah to learn to express himself in a more positive way.

We are very grateful to Carolina Children's Charity for giving us the opportunity to see Isaiah show his creative side.

Thank you, again, for this opportunity.

Krista and Teresa

Isaiah received his last grant from Carolina Children's Charity for Music Therapy (MT) on 2/13/2024. Prior to this grant award, he had received grants for MT in February of 2023, March 2021 and January 2020.

## *Lauren Keenan Diplomat Story*



Lauren is a joyful twelve-year-old with a passion for music, gymnastics, and anything outdoors. Lauren was diagnosed at age 4 with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Lauren is in the seventh grade at Laing Middle. Since beginning music therapy two years ago, Lauren has learned to play several songs on the ukulele, including ones from her favorite artist, Taylor Swift. Lauren has an older brother, Ben, and two dogs. Lauren enjoys spending time with friends and family. She is a silly girl who loves to laugh and sing.



Thank you to Carolina Children's Charity for assisting Lauren with Music Therapy.

-----Rhonda Keenan-----

Lauren received her first grant for Music Therapy in 2019. She has received three additional grants for this non-traditional therapy since that time. Her last grant approval was in April of 2024.