



Share Your Blessings inc.

2020
NEWSLETTER

Share Our Achievements

2020 was another successful year of development and expansion as we continued to broaden our reach in Arizona, New Mexico and Southern California, as well as with a wide range of individuals and organizations throughout the country. This success was driven by our Project Maestro program, which incorporates the revolutionary Beamz Interactive Music System. By simply touching light beams or virtual instruments with their hands, anyone - regardless of their age, musical experience or ability can have fun creating and playing music, or DJ'ing, while simultaneously receiving a wide variety of learning, physical, cognitive, social/emotional, communicative, and sensory skills & therapy benefits. In 2020, through Project Maestro, we donated 137 Beamz systems that provided such benefits to 1400 to 2500 individuals with special needs and disabilities.

Over the past five years Project Maestro has donated more than 670 Beamz units, together with ongoing training and support, positively impacting over 9,500 individuals with special needs and disabilities, as follows:

- * *Over 250 Beamz systems were provided to teachers and schools, reaching more than 5,000 students with special needs*
- * *Over 75 Beamz systems were provided to nonprofit organizations; including senior care and memory facilities, reaching over 2,400 individuals with special needs*
- * *Over 75 Beamz systems were provided to therapists, reaching about 1,300 special needs clients*
- * *Over 270 Beamz systems were provided to families, reaching approximately 900 individuals with special needs and their friends & family members*

Due to COVID, in 2020 we were not able to attend trade shows as we have in the past. However, we were very successful in spreading the word via networking with our existing donees and participating organizations along with social media and various special needs organizations and groups. We also continued to provide training (often virtual) to - and partnered with - many organizations and professionals that serve individuals with a wide range of special needs and disabilities (see list of participating organizations at the end of this Newsletter). We are very pleased that with these efforts we were able to equal our 2019 donations to qualified recipients in 2020. With the invaluable relationships, sponsorships and assistance received from others, we expect Share Your Blessings and Project Maestro to grow and expand its support of numerous individuals with special needs in the years to come.

Our Mission...

Our goal is to offer programs and support that promote value, education, therapy, acceptance, and inclusion so that each individual can address life challenges, achieve personal goals, and fulfill their potential to lead positive, productive, happy, and rewarding lives.



Who We Serve...

We are dedicated to enhancing and inspiring the lives of the disadvantaged and their families.

Our recipients include children and adults with a wide range of disabilities and special needs as well as children with difficult, at risk, and/or tragic economic, family, or environmental situations.

TESTIMONIALS

Our son is so proud of his ability to make music and is excited to share his talents with us. We all are so thankful for the beautiful music he is able to create independently. What a blessing for the whole family. Thank you!!! - Parent



"If you add cognitive challenges, as well as moderate to severe mobility challenges into the Speech and Language challenges that many of our students have, there are very few devices that we can use successfully and consistently to teach "Cause and Effect". The Beamz Music System can be activated with the slightest movement of a finger, a knee, a head turn, a foot movement, etc. It basically levels the playing field for many of our most challenged students and opens up a whole new world of accessibility for them in the area of cause-and-effect interaction."

"The Beamz Music System, along with the downloadable songs for the iPad or PC, opens up a world of opportunities by providing the Music Therapist with a truckload of musical instruments and activities, in a portable and easy to use device."

"Crossing midline is a basic skill needed as a building block for developing higher level fine motor skills. The Beamz Music System encourages students to Cross Midline in a fun and motivating way that provides them with immediate feedback. Students can interact with the device by reaching out and engaging with the laser to activate the music on the iPad App. OT's

can use the Beamz in one-to-one or small group therapy sessions, within the school setting. It's portable and easy to transport and it can be used with children across all age groups."

"The Beamz Music System is a multi-modal teaching tool, meaning it engages all learners across all learning modalities, at the same time. This is why our special needs students are going to benefit from having access to this Music System in their classrooms.

Perhaps the most important thing about the Beamz Music System is that it is super fun and rewarding to use. Kids and teachers alike are going to enjoy using it and creating musical experiences and memories together."- Helen Devane, Assistive Technology Specialist

"I've used the Beamz Music System with students that range from kindergarten to fifth grade, both with and without disabilities. Whether using it as a Center in my classroom to help kids with ADHD take a break during their academic day, or to help kids with autism get the sensory input they need, the Beamz delivers an exciting approach to learning while building self-esteem and independence. It would be so beneficial for my students to be able to take this experience into their homes to enjoy with the whole family." Anne Fishburne, Resource Specialist, Cajon Valley Unified School District, San Diego County, CA

I use Beamz with most of my patients in a therapy setting, and I can use it with all ages. My patients really feel as though they are doing something amazing when they use the Beamz. It's a great self-esteem and confidence builder, I have used the Beamz for psychotherapy and PT. In both settings, my patients loved the Beamz and experienced benefit from its use. -Therapist

"Beamz is an engaging activity for students across age groups and differing strengths. As a therapeutic tool, it provides motivation and immediate feedback for students.

Beamz allows for most students to initiate and engage independently. It encourages movement, requesting, and commenting." Ami Graves, Foundation for the Blind

Thank you so much for giving my child the opportunity to try Beamz out for free. She simply loves it, and it makes great bonding for the whole family! Thank you again! - Parent

"I've seen people's eyes brighten, and their bodies grow animated, as they make the sounds of a flute, or air-drums, or air-guitar...with the Beamz. It's not a game, but such a simple thing to play, and yet it lends itself to a feeling of great happiness, beauty and hope. I'm so pleased to know that the Share Your Blessings program is offering this opportunity to individuals with special needs, programs and schools across the country, spreading the music and light to more people who will benefit from it." Craig Chaquico, Celebrity Guitarist



"My students love the BEAMZ! It has given us a creative and exciting tool to add to our daily activities with all of our students."
Teacher

SAMPLE APPLICANT SUBMITTALS

2020 Donation Summary

Total Number of Units Donated: 137 Beamz Systems

Families:	70 Beamz Systems
Teachers/Schools:	44 Beamz Systems
Therapist:	13 Beamz Systems
Organizations:	10 Beamz Systems



"Reaching 1400-2500 Individuals With Special Needs"

Recipient loves music. It will help with his cause-and-effect skills, fine motor skills, movement, motion and just overall enjoyment.

My child loves anything related to music! I think it would help him cognitively & with his gross motor skills and as well. I'm a single mom of 2 children so this would be a blessing for my youngest special needs child.

I have 4 children, one has Mowat-Wilson Syndrome, the other 3 have a

They are all highly motivated by music above all other interests and would benefit so much from this wonderful product!

form of primordial dwarfism. Many times kids with primordial dwarfism have learning disabilities and ADHD. I think this program could be very beneficial to all 4 kids.

Singing and dancing are 2 of Mercedes biggest motivations. The Beamz has a huge potential to increase her coordination, balance and motivation to get up and be active.

I have seen first hand what music therapy has done for my kiddos, so I know how much music can support their learning. Along with that, technology gives them a way to access information even more easily. I love the look of Beamz and think that this would be a great tool for my students unique and diverse challenges to access more independence and learning opportunities. I love that it

can be used for students with limited mobility and difficulties with motor function.

The Beamz device would make accessing music possible; therefore, making medical therapy sessions more engaging and enjoyable, with the added advantage of incorporating music into gross and fine motor skill development.

I work with many children with disabilities including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, brain injury, and autism. I believe the children would enjoy using the Beamz due to their love of music. Since many have limited motor abilities, activating the Beamz is a feasible and exciting way to have the children participate.

Looking to utilize for two students with Fox G1 Syndrome who are both nonverbal and have significant gross, and fine motor challenges, but are also extremely motivated by music. A myriad of tools and equipment have been explored with these students. After sharing the potential of this device with other student team members, everyone agrees this could be a "game-changer!"

Scarlette is highly motivated by music. Her multiple disabilities make it challenging for her to manage materials and has limited grasp strength. Her exposure to music and movement ignites her. It has been a fabulous tool in keeping her engaged and showing positive interest.

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE

Share Your Blessings plans to continue to broaden the Project Maestro program in 2021 and beyond – specifically expanding further on our Arizona, New Mexico and Southern California focus, as well as Colorado, where we have volunteers helping with outreach and support. We also help many individuals and organizations nationally where possible.

You can help by making a tax-deductible donation at www.share-your-blessings.org

For each one hundred and fifty dollars we receive, we can purchase a Beamz Unit, allowing us to reach 10-20 individuals. 100% of every dollar you donate will go to programs and services that help individuals and organizations we serve. We operate on a volunteer basis with the exception of a small overhead that is funded by the SYB founders.

For more information contact:

1.480.433.7266, visit our website at www.share-your-blessings.org
or email sherry.mckinley@share-your-blessings.org

HISTORICAL DONATIONS

If you've ever watched music transform someone's physical demeanor, inspire a change in attitude or trigger a lost memory you can imagine how effective music might be as a tool for delivering a wide range of physical, and cognitive therapies. We are happy to report that since program inception we have been able to provide these benefits to over 15,000 individuals by donating well over 1000 Beamz Interactive Music Systems to many organizations & programs, including:



Hospitals & Healthcare

Minnesota Children's Hospital · 50 Starlight Children's Foundation Pediatric Hospitals · St Joseph's Hospital · Phoenix Children's Hospital
Temple University Hospital · Children's Hospital of Orange County · Miller Children's and Women's Hospital Long Beach CA

Schools

Golden Hill K-8 · San Diego Unified School District · Saturn Street Elementary · Multiple Elementary Schools in LAUSD · Autism Treatment Center in Dallas · Texas Oxnard Elementary School District, Multiple Schools · Jefferson Middle School, CA · NM Elementary School
Mobile County Elementary Public School District Alabama · Flexit Academy · La Colima Elementary School · Queen Creek School District AZ
Museum of Making Music · Pendergast Elementary School District · Glendale School, AZ · Several dozen State Regional Education Centers
Pima, Hohokam & Tavan Elementary · Albuquerque Public Schools · Blind Children's Center · ACES, AZ - Ambuehl Elementary
Gregg Anderson Academy · Hage Elementary School, CA · Lakewood Elementary, WV · Bridge Elementary, WV · H.E. White Elementary, WV
Big Otter Elementary, WV · Pratt Elementary, WV · Clay Middle School, WV · Chrysalis Academy · Coronado H.S., AZ
Arizona Autism Charter Elementary & Middle School · Banner Academy, AZ · Pathways Day School, AZ · Blind Foundation for Children, AZ
Gateway Academy, AZ · Pristria Day Program, WV · San Diego CA School Districts · Sierra Academy Upward Foundation, AZ
Sunnyside Unified School District AZ · Harrison County Child Development Center MS · NW Allen County School District

Day Schools and Camp Programs

Opportunity Tree · LIFE · Brookwood Community, Texas · Bethany Ranch Home, AZ · Gompers Rehabilitation Center · Pathways Academy
Children's Cerebral Palsy Movement · Standing Tall · Marc Community Resources, Inc. · Our Own Family Camp · TERI, Inc.
YMCA · Williams Syndrome Foundation Summer Camps

Residence Programs

Mandy's Farm · The Crumley House · Noah's Ark of Central Florida · Marbridge · Rainbow Acres · Down Home Ranch
Eskaton Senior Care · Chapel Haven · Aegis Living Community

Therapy & Non-Profit Organizations

Kids Sport Therapy · San Diego Gigi's Playhouse · Down Syndrome Association of S. Texas · Brookwood Community - Texas
The Franklin Learning Center · Adelante · Colorado Springs Conservatory TEAM 4 Kids Pediatrics, NMTSA · Pacer Center · ARC of Essex
Pace Salano · STARS Therapy · North Valley Therapy · High Hopes · UCP of Greater Birmingham · The National Lekotek Center
The Landon Pediatric Foundation · Orange Grove Center · The MORGAN Project · Resounding Joy · Arts & Services for Disabled · STARS
ARCH · Courtney's Place · ARC of Chandler/Gilbert · Valley Life · LifeMiles for Autism · Scottsdale Bible Church · Bethany Ranch Home
Guitars in the Classroom · Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress · Lauren's Institute for Education · Yamaha Music and Wellness Institute
Easter Seals Crossroads Rehabilitation Center · Inclusion Connections · UPWARD for Children & Families

Families

Over 400 Families with Special Needs!

**TO APPLY FOR A DONATION UNIT: Complete an application at <http://share-your-blessings.org/apply-for-donation/>
OR contact: Sherry McKinley, Director, Programs and Partnerships @ 480.433.7266**