

Merina Healing Arts Foundation

Supporting Arts in Healthcare

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“...Journaling...really helped me and my husband through a very tough time. It is part of the healing process...”

~ Erin B.



Greetings and Happy New Year!

We're gearing up for an exciting 2009 filled with activities to raise awareness and help increase patient access to – and artist training in – therapeutic arts.

As we look ahead to the New Year, we want to thank the local musicians, community volunteers, area businesses and organizations that helped us with our outreach efforts in 2008. Thanks, also, to those who made donations to the *Merina Healing Arts Foundation* this past year. Your contributions help us make annual grants and assist with educating patients, families, healthcare providers, artists and communities about the benefits of therapeutic music, art therapy, journaling and horticulture therapy.

We appreciate your support and hope you keep in touch as we work to make a difference in 2009!



The Merina Healing Arts Foundation makes grants to programs that help patients heal, physically and emotionally, through therapeutic arts.

Performances, donations, sponsorships and volunteer support are just some of the ways the community supports the Merina Healing Arts Foundation.



Consider the Merina Healing Arts Foundation

when planning donations, memorials and sponsorships for the coming year. Visit our website for a brochure & information about upcoming *Merina Healing Arts* events, along with links to arts in healthcare news. If you have questions or want to discuss ways on how you can get involved, e-mail us or send us a letter! ❖



The Music for Healing & Transition Program (MHTP) is a national therapeutic music training program available to instrumentalists and vocalists in Idaho. Merina Healing Arts supports the MHTP program.



For more information & to make an online donation, visit:

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Merina Healing Arts Foundation: Supporting therapeutic arts services across Idaho

As a patient, family, healthcare provider, artist or community member, we often find comfort and healing in therapeutic music, art, journaling or a peaceful garden.

The *Merina Healing Arts Foundation* was established with patient and family needs in mind. We strive to:

➤ *Raise* community awareness about therapeutic music, art therapy, journaling and horticulture therapy.

➤ *Educate* healthcare providers and artists about the need for and benefits of therapeutic arts, along with patient care services, medical protocols, and support of healing environments.

➤ *Grow* the Merina Healing Arts fund through outreach events, activities, sponsorships, donations and community involvement.

➤ *Grant* funds to support healthcare programs and artist certification in therapeutic music, art therapy, journaling and horticulture therapy. ❖

