



My Possibilities®

Day program for adults with special needs
Making every day count

200,000 adults with a cognitive disabilities make their home in North Texas. In fact, there are 20,000 alone just in Collin County. Unlike typical high school graduates who generally go to college or vocational training programs, continuing education opportunities for adults with disabilities comes to an end once they graduate.

My Possibilities was formed to help fill this void. This unique program is a Plano, Texas-based non-profit 501(c)(3), providing continuing education and vocational training for adults with disabilities (Autism, Down Syndrome, Aspergers, Head Injuries, etc.) lovingly referred to as HIPsters (Hugely Important People). This special program currently provides education to 145 HIPsters each day under these 5 pillars of instruction: socialization skills, independent living skills, vocational skills, health and wellness and creative expression.

Funding for adults with special needs is the lowest in Texas of any other state in the US. As a result, this program only exists due to generous and continuous community support. The organization must raise 25% of the cost required to provide its services. Funds are raised through individual and corporate donations, grants and fundraising events. For more information visit www.mypossibilities.org or call (469) 241-9100.

Dear Ken,

05/05/2014

Thank you SO much for your donation of the five guitars — I'm so excited to see the joy that will come from putting these instruments in the hands of our clients. Please, thank your daughter for me as well 😊. May you be blessed for blessing us.

Letha
Music Therapist



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May 20, 2014

Mr. Ken Chinn
Chinn Guitar Project
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Dear Ken,

As 2014 unfolds, we reflect on the past year with sheer amazement. When we opened our doors in 2008 with 10 HIPsters, we never imagined, in our wildest dreams, we would be in this beautiful building with a staff of 32 and 250 HIPsters benefiting from our programs each week. We've experienced a 50% increase already since we moved into the new building on July 1, 2013. The demand is most certainly there.

This new facility has already had a tremendous impact upon our organization. For example, *because of our* beautiful new on-site gym, full of donated cardio and strength training equipment, we have had the opportunity to expand our health and wellness curriculum. We have hired Coach 'T' who is responsible for getting our students moving and teaching them how to and why they should take charge of their health.

Another good case in point are the improvements seen in our MP University program, which has grown from 10 students in its first semester in the spring of 2012 to 45 students today. Our vocational practice opportunities have expanded exponentially as we now have work opportunities available in the following four job training areas: dining, retail, clerical and community support. We have also established an MP Environmental Team, a subset of MP U students. This team of students has several job responsibilities including dog walking, maintaining our new outdoor garden and grounds, and keeping our vehicles clean.

Our most recent offering is our new Music Therapy Program. We wanted to express our gratitude for your incredible donation of 5 guitars for use in this wonderful program. Esther has been hard at work building this special new program and thanks to your generosity, she is off to a tremendous start. We invite you to visit Esther and our students for a glimpse of the impact your generosity is making on their daily lives. Please contact Esther at ecraven@mptx.org or any one of us to make the arrangements.

We can't tell you how much we appreciate your support of our HIPsters and My Possibilities. We have seen that without a program like ours, after high school graduation, the social, vocational and independent living skills of adults like ours are gradually lost rather than continuing to improve. The support of our local community helps us provide opportunities to keep our HIPsters engaged, challenged and exposed to new opportunities around them and they flourish! Thank you for your support of our HIPsters, Esther's work and our Music Therapy program. Stay tuned; there's more to come in 2014...

Warmest regards,

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