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"Where Words Leave Off, Music Begins" by Tory Rogers, CTRS, CDP, CMDCP

"Where words leave off, music begins."

-Heinrich Heine

"Music is the universal language of mankind."

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I've always known these two quotations to be true. It has been the truth within my own life. But watching these truths unfold in my professional life holds a completely different meaning.

I have always known I was placed on this earth with the task of loving others, helping them grow, and helping them have an amazing quality of life. While what that means exactly has changed through the years, music always seems to hold some part of it

When I started my position with a local Parks & Recreation Department, we were in the midst of busily preparing for summer camps. I knew without a doubt that I needed to find a music therapist. I found Healing Sounds through pure happenstance, and what I found with this company has been incredible.

They worked with short notice, crazy schedules, and my own personal uncertainty of what to do or how to make it come about in my new role, and we got Healing Sounds on our schedule to come spend some time at our summer camp for teens and adults with disabilities. The first day when Daneyelle arrived, she set my heart at ease. She has such a quiet certainty about her, a calmness that radiates to the participants. She encouraged everyone to participate, to step a little outside their normal comfort zone, but never pushed beyond where everyone had fun. Such a joyful noise was made at camp that year! I watched the participants enjoy that hour each week more than any other time frame for the duration of camp.

Working with Anna has been amazing to attempt to develop other programs that our department wants to try. Some worked, and some have not. But there is always a willingness from them to continue to develop, try, change, and improve programs.

Erin provided services for us this past summer and at a variety of programs throughout the past year. That same bond developed between her and the participants. She is always so encouraging, and with her specialty in working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, she always had a captive audience and participants!

I personally am branching off into a new venture, having just opened a Dementia Care Consulting company, Heart at Home. I will be utilizing Healing Sounds within this arena as well. Music has so many healing properties and will be so beneficial not only for group sessions for those with dementia, but as a part of self-care and healing for their caregivers and families.

Healing Sounds, I am thrilled I found you and cannot wait to see the impacts you continue to have on the lives of those around you who need you most.

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