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A Message From Carol Zilli, Executive Director

"It's not only what we do with music, it's what it does for us!"

This statement reflects the Music for Minors II (MFMII) story as we begin our **"30th"Year of Volunteer Service to children in need of music**. Over 30,000 children would not have had music in their educational background during their most formative years were it not for MFMII. Lives have been changed! That's the power of music!

Thanks to the almost 1,000 volunteer music docents that MFMII has trained since 1990, children received 1/2 hour weekly music enrichment which nurtured in them the love and literacy of music for a life time. Receiving that gift, MFMII Docents also helped them share it with others in performances at school sites and in the community.

Countless hours spent in preparing music lessons, checking out musical instruments and other music materials from our resource centers, attending our music workshops and concerts each year, preparing their students for performance, sharing our program in community booths and events, and at our Family Music Nights, are some examples of the dedication of these wonderful community volunteer docents whose lives were changed as well in the process of sharing the joy of music with children.

It's time to celebrate our story and invite everyone to two exciting MFMII musical events this year: Our largest **FREE Family Music Festival on June 2nd at the Niles Town Plaza from 2:00-5:00 pm.** and an exciting **30th Anniversary Gala and Concert on**

or surprises:

For now, we must share our unique story filled with great joy, love and hard work on the part of dedicated Docents, Liaisons, Staffs, Boards of Directors, Advisory Councils, Principals, Classroom Teachers, and of course the reason for it all, our wonderful students. We will present our MFMI story in three segments in each newsletter divided into the three decades of MFMI service these past 30 years.

Here is part I of that story:

MFMI began thanks to a child in Carol Zilli's son's first grade class at Hacienda School in Fremont in 1985. Carol was sharing music with the children as a parent volunteer when a classmate, Elizabeth Levy, taught Carol a chant called "Hi My Name is Joe."

The student shared that she learned it from a friend in Los Altos who learned it from her Docent. Curiosity led Carol to find out more which brought her to Music for Minors I in Los Altos, the mother organization, and why our program is called Music for Minors II...

[Read the full story here>>](#)

Part II of the MFMI story will be included inside our June Newsletter. Stay tuned!

May school classrooms this spring continue to ring with the joyous sounds of music which transforms lives!

Carol Zilli

30th Anniversary Celebration

Save the Date!



Celebrating 30 Years Of Volunteer Service!

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Keeping Music Alive In Children's Classrooms And Lives Since 1988

PRESENTS

FAMILY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 2, 2018

2pm – 5pm

Niles Town Plaza - Fremont

FREE! Musical fun for the entire family

Fun musical experiences:

- ★ singing / signing songs
- ★ rhythmic movement / dance
- ★ playing instruments and much more!

Enjoy making music with others.

Learn about our FREE docent training classes held in the fall.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Be sure to mark your calendars for Nov. 9th, MFMI's 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Concert and much more!

Surprise celebrities and community recognition. You won't want to miss this exciting event which starts at 6 pm in Fremont.



Circle Dance Workshop

Friday, March 23 MFMIII hosted a circle dancing workshop, led by Maureen Atkins. Docents and teachers had fun learning some easy new dances and got some good exercise too!



"All God's Critters" from "Down the Do-Re-Mi" by Red Grammer. Alpha was an excellent dog who lived all too briefly with dancer Marianna Monaco, and now has a place in the heavenly choir.



Music from "Playing For Change" - features 11 countries. MFMII docents enjoy dancing to this easy children's dance, "Chanda Mama", choreographed by Cheryl Fulton.



Upcoming Events



SYNC YOUR GOOGLE CALENDAR / DEVICES WITH MFMII'S EVENTS!

The best way to always know when our upcoming events are taking place, and set reminders! Click on the image to view the public MFMII Events Calendar & click on "Google Calendar" in the bottom right corner to sync with your account. (Note: you must be signed into a google gmail account to use this feature.)



**Music For Minors II Kids Choir
presents a free concert**



Sing For Spring

Friday, May 11 @ 7pm

Niles Elementary School, MUR
37141 2nd Street, Fremont, CA 94536

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May 11, 2018: Join us for our MFMII Kids Choir "SING FOR SPRING" Concert!



*Music touches the heart and feeds the brain
yet it is cut from many schools.
Don't deny children their thirst for music.*

BECOME A TRAINED MUSIC VOLUNTEER

FREE TRAINING – Only 11 Sessions!

Ongoing Support through Docent Mentors & Lesson Plans
September 17 – November 5, 2018 (Mondays & Wednesdays)

FREMONT
9:15 – 11:45 am
Fremont Congregational Hall
38255 Blacow Road
Fremont, CA 94536

OR CASTRO VALLEY
6:45 - 8:45 pm
Stanton Elementary School
2644 Somerset Avenue
Castro Valley CA 94546

ORIENTATION - September 12 @ 9:30-11am, Niles School, Fremont & 7-8:30pm, Proctor School, Castro Valley



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SEPTEMBER 17-NOVEMBER 5, 2018: DOCENT TRAINING



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A Special Thank You To Our Recent Donors!

A “Fortissimo” THANK YOU to the **Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange** whose generous grant in the amount of \$ 10,000 for our Docent Training Program, is most appreciated.

Hats off to the **Newark Betterment Corporation** which once again has enabled all kindergarteners in Newark Unified School District (NUSD) to have our MFMII program in their classrooms and the **Newark Education Foundation** which has supported all first graders in NUSD receiving MFMII.

MFMII also thanks **Republic Services** for their generous grant to MFMII.

Other recent donors include Advisory Council Member Janice Moulton and Leo Hinkel, former MFMII Board President.



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