



The Hope Beat

“Wonderful World of Colors”
by Christie Cook



A Half Note



Spring/Summer 2011

Mission Statement

Hope University transforms the lives of adults with developmental disabilities through the arts.



Volunteers Gordon and Julie Blackburn were honored at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards luncheon. A hi-light of the event was a performance by our own Hi Hopes.



Save The Date!
Special Holiday Boutique
Saturday, November 5th
at the home of the D’Luna’s
Spend a lovely evening doing
your Holiday Shopping while
supporting
Hope University!

Half Way There...

By Janice Reyes, Executive Director

They say, “Time flies when you’re having fun”, so we must be having fun. I cannot believe that it is June 2011 already. After a great 2010, ending with our Christmas program, the students’ holiday party, and a short New Year’s break, we hit the ground running at the beginning of the year and haven’t stopped yet!

In January, the Board of Directors, with staff members, had a great strategic planning meeting to move us forward this year. With a renewed resolve, we are hopeful that we can reach our goals.

In February, we held our annual Volunteer Appreciation event, with students entertaining our valued guests. Board Member, Nick Latimer, and parents, Gordon and Julie Blackburn, shared with everyone their rewarding experiences of volunteering for Hope University.

In March, we reignited our collaboration with Southern California’s Orange County Chapter of Special Olympics. As our first collaborative exchange, the Hi Hopes performed at their annual fundraiser, and were very well received.

In April, we also welcomed many new faces at our Open House, which was attended by more than 50 guests, including Regional Center of Orange County Executive Director, Larry Landauer. Visitors had the opportunity of hands on experiences in printmaking, music therapy and instrumental music, to name a few. It was a wonderful chance for the staff to demonstrate what happens at Hope University on a daily basis. The hand bell choir, Hi Hopes and other student performers entertained throughout the evening.

In May, our annual gala was held with the theme of “Enchanted Forest” and was attended by over 200 guests. Jodi Howard, Board Member and Gala Chair, did a spectacular job, and everyone is looking forward to next year’s event. With her guidance, we were able to net over \$30,000.

Amidst all of these events we continue to give tours to interested individuals, donors and foundations for funding considerations. The Board of Directors continues to expand and is working diligently to stay on target with the timeline of our strategic plan.

Everyone at Hope University works daily for our mission, “Transforming the lives of adults with developmental disabilities through the arts” and we THANK ALL OF YOU for joining in supporting our efforts. We could not be successful without all of you and we are most appreciative to have you on board with us. THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!!! AND THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT.



RCOC Exec. Director, Larry Landauer, chats with our Board President, Matt Sauer.



Lisa Lo Russo shares printmaking process with Matt Sauer and parent, George Veltman.

In memory of Fernando Lopez 1976-2011

We will never forget Fernando, and how he touched our lives...

Ben S.: Fernando was a nice friend.

Tanette T.: What I most remember about Fernando is how he looked at me when I first started here. He pointed at me and said, "I know that kid!", because we met at another program. He was my best friend and I'll miss him.

Sharon M.: He was a good kid. I'll sure miss him. He was a blessing from God.

Mikki D.: He was an awesome student and he'll be missed.

Michele V.: He was very sweet and funny and I'll miss him.

Lori R.: He gave me a lot of hugs and said "I love you" a lot.

Lori S.: He would always say, "Today's my birthday!", and I would get a kick out of it.

Kim M.: We will all miss him very much and will keep him in our prayers.

Dena S.: He had a wonderful smile and personality and I will always keep him in my heart.



Mural Unveiling Event This July

*By Shelley RuggThorp,
Artistic Director*



Integrity House
Mural
mosaic section
completed!

What began as a hot tip from one of our Hope University parents turned out to be one of our greatest sources of pride. We were looking for a location to paint a mural, and we were told that Integrity House in Santa Ana wanted one. In May of 2009, we began to make weekly trips to work on our 15' x 70' mural that was designed specifically for the clients of Integrity House.

Integrity House, a program for adults with cognitive disabilities, uses the clubhouse model that was conceived over 50 years ago by Fountain House in New York City. They see Integrity House as a community of people with disabilities and staff working side-by-side in the running of their club house. Working as volunteers to support their clubhouse, is the focus of the Integrity House program.

In early 2007, a group of Hope University artists visited Integrity House to discuss the concept and content of the mural design. After these discussions and some art making sessions with some Integrity House clients, we had a clear

understanding of the ideas that were most important to them:

1. trees, to represent a place of shelter
2. flowers, to represent the blossoming of an individual
3. birds, to represent the ability to soar beyond other people's expectations

They also wanted pictures of themselves in the mural, showing what they do there everyday. And last, they wanted lots of bright color. When you see the mural, you will see that we delivered on all of their requests!

Over the course of two years, about 40 Hope University artists, 20 volunteers, 3 Integrity House members and several Hope University staff members worked together to complete the mural. Some volunteers were family members, and some were strangers who became new friends. Inch by inch, the mural was completed...

On Saturday, July 30th, 2-6pm, we will come together at Integrity House (2043 N. Broadway, Santa Ana CA 92706) to celebrate the unveiling of the finished mural. Unveiling will happen at 3pm. Please join us on this exciting day, and enjoy some refreshments to the music of the Hi Hopes. See the original artwork that started it all. Be prepared to say "Oooh, aaah...wow!"

A Tale of Handbells *By Minako Kamimura, MT-BC* *Music Therapy Internship Director*

Two of Hope University's music therapists, Minako Kamimura and Maria Ramey, presented a workshop titled "A Tale of Handbells: Creating An Adaptive System for The Special Needs" at the Western Region American Music Therapy Association (WRAMTA) conference. This conference attracted over 200 music therapists from 9 states, such as California, Arizona, Washington, and Oregon. The conference, entitled "Rock the High C's," was held on the gorgeous historical site, the Queen Mary, in Long Beach from March 31st to April 2nd.



Our presentation was well attended by over 35 guests ranging from music therapy students to seasoned professionals. The presentation was aimed at sharing how we developed our handbells program since 2005. Originally, handbells were used to accompany simple songs that had simple chords. Over the years, Hope University music therapists have tried various methods of teaching and guiding so that now our 17 students in the handbell group can ring standard handbell music scores that any other handbell group might use.

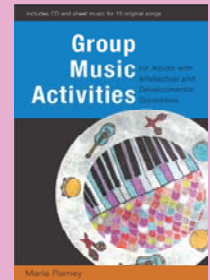
A short video illustrated our students sharing what they liked about being in the handbell group and what they have learned, as well as how beautiful they sound. We emphasized believing in the students that they can achieve this type of learning and performing. Mixed in with a lot of patience, this is a key factor in our success.

For the last half of our presentation, we invited the attendees to experience hands-on handbell ringing using our adaptive system. The room was filled with excited and eager audience members who participated in playing some beautiful handbell music. Afterwards, we were told that those who were in rooms near our presentation heard the handbells and enjoyed them as well!

Hope University Inspires a Book

By Maria Ramey, MT-BC

For the first six months of 2010, I had the honor of being Hope University's first music therapy intern. In addition to the supervised hours of final training, I was expected to complete a major project. For my project, I chose to do research and write a 10 page book proposal for a collection of 100 group music activities that could be used as a creative resource for music therapists working with adults with developmental disabilities. It is an important resource that is not available currently.



As I neared completion of my internship, I received word from Jessica Kingsley Publishers just two weeks after I had sent them the proposal. They were extremely excited by my book idea and wanted to go forward with publishing immediately! As soon as my internship was completed, I began writing the book. I solicited and incorporated activity ideas from all of the wonderful music therapists at Hope University, and from other music therapists who work with this population. My goal was to keep the range of ideas as varied and creative as possible.

On June 15, 2011, my book *Group Music Activities for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* was released in the United States, and one month prior in the United Kingdom. It is available for order through many online booksellers. Since this book was inspired by my work with the students at Hope University, the publishers were very receptive to my idea of using artwork by Hope University's own students for the cover of the book. I am pleased to announce that the cover image was created by Joanna Buon-Cristiani and Sharon Mauck.

I am very excited to contribute to the resources available to music therapists as a whole, and especially to those working specifically with this population; and I am proud to point to the students and staff at Hope University as the true inspiration for this publication.

More information can be found at www.groupmusicactivities.com

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