



## 2017: A LANDMARK YEAR FOR DMF

With much pride and appreciation, we closed the chapter on our 10-year anniversary last year and spent 2017 focused on the long-term, meaningful impact DMF can have both within and outside our community.

We have made great strides on our programs that serve individuals with developmental and physical disabilities this year:

- Offered **48 free classes a week**, for 30 weeks, in the DMF Core Program – with the hope of increasing this number to 50 classes a week in 2018
- Hosted over **700 field trips** for special education schools and adult day programs at our music center
- Launched *DMF Expressions*, a performance opportunity presented twice a year for the **20+ weekly private lesson students** we serve
- **Sold out** every DMF Dance Party for families and adults
- Expanded the DMF Scholarship Fund, honoring the Kefalidis family - hosting over **135 complimentary field trips** to our music center

Collectively, these programs contributed to more than **12,000 participants** experiencing the magic of music at our center this year – a 43% increase over 2016!

We remain committed to serving the underserved community of individuals with disabilities in NYC at our music center. Additionally, with the growth of our **DMF Diversity Through Music Initiative** plus our new **Power of Music Concert Series**, (see sidebar), we are excited to expand our impact beyond the walls of our center.

Through the universal language of music, we are creating opportunities for people of all abilities to engage with and appreciate each other. We look forward to what 2018 has in store for us!

On behalf of the community we serve, we thank you for playing an important role in our success this year and look forward to seeing you soon. **Have a wonderful holiday season!**

## What's New at



### Diversity Through Music Initiative

- A unique volunteer program, free to schools, corporations and organizations that creates connections through music between the DMF Community and the general public
- Expanded programs with existing Diversity partners - Juilliard, Bank of America, The Junior League, The Dalton School and Saint David's School
- Established relationships with new organizations - Microsoft, The Hewitt School, Hunter High School and the Penn Club, to name a few



### Concert Series

- In collaboration with One Vision Music and hosted at the Cutting Room each month, this concert series further supports our focus of using music as the bridge between the DMF Community and the general public
- More than a concert, it is a transformational experience of live performances that explores and celebrates the healing power of music