Thanks to you, people with special needs have a place to belong, to thrive, and to discover their joy.

YOU CAN HELP US

SPREAD THE JOY

By encouraging families of people with mental, emotional and physical impairments

By providing financial assistance and scholarships to families of those with special needs

By advocating for public understanding of the abilities and potential of people with special needs

By helping clients lead richer lives through a full array of therapeutic programs in music, art, dance, and recreation

By serving the community in a way that helps clients experience the joy of realizing their full potential
Long before you enter the FAR music therapy room, you feel a thrum vibrating through the hall. It’s the Phat Beats band -- seven musicians calling out to the world through the primal language of drums. Their music brings social connection, a sense of common purpose, of sharing something of value, of finding an outlet for self-expression. It is the sound of joy.

The Phat Beats, guys whose ages range from 16 to 29, have found that at FAR they can continue to enjoy an inclusive arts therapy program that grows with them, around their special needs. Evan discovered the sheer joy of being in a drum circle and participating as a musician. Joe found a group of like-minded friends and regained the sense of belonging that was lost when his schoolmates moved on. Sebastian doesn’t say much, but he hears the applause of the audience and knows what it’s like to be valued as a human being.

It is such a simple gift. The sense of belonging. Of being heard. Of being seen.

“It’s an extremely inclusive space. Anybody of any age, any ability is welcome here. If a client comes to us, and is interested, we can find a place for them at FAR.”

~ Breanna Bowen, Music Therapist

That’s what FAR does best. No matter the diagnosis or unique challenges, FAR therapists bring together a full range of art, music, and recreational disciplines to provide a co-treatment plan that is individualized to each need and possibility. Ultimately, our therapists know it’s not just the music we make, the art we create, or the new skills we learn. It’s about the joy.