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Or Simcha residents captivate audiences with their concerts.

Music Therapy Proposal from Or Simcha

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Music Therapy is becoming a widespread and effective means of treating various emotional difficulties. In order to help children who suffer from a variety of problems owing to their harsh life circumstances, we are in the process of establishing a music center that will serve 150 children and youth at risk ages 5-15. The therapy, which will be provided by a qualified music therapist, will enable the children to experience success, develop their talents and will rehabilitate them emotionally and socially.

From our experience, music therapy provides a means for the children to share and express their traumas and repressed feelings in a warm and loving environment, while individualized lessons allow them to progress at their own pace and to begin to experience success - often for the first time in their lives, thus motivating them to continue with their efforts. Through these activities, the boys begin to believe in themselves and in their surroundings, seek help when necessary and understand that they have a chance to make something of their lives. This

is a tremendous achievement considering the grave situation in which these boys arrive to Or Simcha.

However, as we receive very little funding for these children and have many costs involved in caring for them, we are in need of external funding for music therapy and lessons.

We would like to request your support towards proving music therapy and educational assistance to children at severe risk living in Or Simcha. In order to rehabilitate the students and help them to overcome large academic, emotional and social problems, we would like to offer music therapy and tutorial and remedial lessons for 30 children at risk aged 6-16, and didactic evaluations for 10 students. The lessons will be carried out in small groups of 2 pupils, based on each child's particular needs. Tutorial and remedial lessons will be held twice a week for 42 weeks.



Or Simcha means “Light of Happiness” in Hebrew. It is home to 300 at-risk boys in Israel. Located in K’far Chabad, the campus is close to Ben Gurion airport. Most of these boys have had to overcome serious traumas and abuse in their lives. Or Simcha runs a respected music therapy program; which also equips these boys to record their music and perform in live concerts. The Love for Israel Relief Fund would like to see an on-site recording studio as part of their music therapy.

Special events, like weddings and bar mitzvahs, happen year round for hundreds of at-risk kids and needy young adults in Israel. Donations designated “special events” will be set aside for such use.

Family support is important to rebuilding the lives of children caught in the middle of divorce. We really appreciate your contributions to help launch this support network starting in Jerusalem next month.

You can donate online at:
<http://love4israel.org/donate.html>

On behalf of the Israelis you help - Todah Robah!

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