



What's your quest?

## Give the Kids Music

Give underserved children the benefits of playing music! Give the Kids Music is a philanthropic music team building program that will get your team and community in tune. In a very short time, your team will learn how to play (and in some cases even build) a musical instrument – either harmonica, guitar, flute, or percussion instruments. They'll learn songs and then be given a short tutorial on how to teach their new skills.



Then, it's time to put those skills to the test as each work team of 8-12 people teaches children how to play the instruments they just learned! At the end of the program the instruments are donated to the charity or school, as well as instructional materials. The children walk away with a head start to a more fulfilling and successful life through the power of music. And they experience a giving world, where people they had never met before cared enough about them to teach them how to play and give them an opportunity to experience the power of music.

Your team walks away not only having gotten new musical and educational skills (many of our participants report back that they went home and wowed their own children with their new skills) but having had a powerful experience of connection with children and giving to a community that really could use it, of truly making a difference and changing lives for the better.

Your team will be able to see first-hand the benefits of playing music in a young person's life. And more importantly, they are the ones that will provide that benefit! This unforgettable program empowers teams in the corporate world and the next generation to work together, play together and care together.

### Benefits for the Kids

Music education is not only important for its incredible intrinsic value, but research consistently demonstrates:

- Students who study an instrument enhance their critical thinking skills and their ability to work together as a team.
- They are more engaged in school and less likely to drop out.
- They do significantly better in all of their academic endeavors.





## The Need

The benefits of music education are well documented and the need has never been greater. A recent study of the effects of No Child Left Behind shows that it is taking a toll on music education, especially in low-income areas. Virtually all (97 percent) school districts serving large numbers of low-income children mandated less time on the arts and more on language arts instruction due to state testing.

Kids are missing out in a part of education that has perhaps the greatest potential to make their lives more fulfilled and wonderful. And research shows that music education has the power to propel them into greater success scholastically and later on when they reach the workforce.

## Training Module or Debrief

This program can include a debrief by a trained facilitator around new discoveries about your team, and celebration of successes. The debrief can be customized for your group goals.

## Minimum/Maximum Group Size

From 4 to 200

## Program Length

Approximately two to three hours.

## Space Requirements

25 square feet per participant

## Benefits For Teams:

- Teams receive the benefits of playing music, of learning to listen and work together. Many of them will actually build the instruments as well.
- They improve their teaching skills – crucial for sharing information and best practices effectively.
- They get to practice true customer service and see the difference they can make in a young person's life.
- They have a tangible experience of the power of what psychologists call 'the meaningful life', of working for something greater than themselves.
- The musically challenged realize they can do things they weren't aware they could do.
- It's an excellent way to bring co-workers together and to connect passion, confidence and fun back to the workplace.

