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## The healing joy of music... just under a child's nose.

Gary Allegretto's Harmonikids is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides music therapy to special needs children worldwide. Since 1985 Harmonikids has been actively providing the therapeutic healing power of teaching music to kids with physical and emotional challenges. Missions have included those traumatized by such natural disasters as the tsunami in Indonesia, Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana, and the earthquake in Haiti and many points in between.

*In Allegretto's words, "Harmonikids directly provides these children shiny new harmonicas and gentle, entertaining music lessons in the most devastating time of their life. In spite of their hardships, kids are irresistibly drawn to the harmonica with its child-friendly simplicity, pocket-sized portability, and warm voice-like tone. It provides a positive means of self expression crucial to their recovery. In addition to the post-traumatic stress relieving benefits, I have seen Harmonikids programs effectively replenish self-esteem, confidence, hope, and joy into children's lives. Simply stated, Harmonikids provides the joy of music with harmonicas and songs to nurture their spirits and help them return to being children again.... or as I like to say, they happily find the healing power of music ~ right under their nose!"*

**"I am heartily supportive of Harmonikids...we have seen the power of music in transforming young lives. Gary Allegretto and his work are most worthy of support."  
~ Dan Aykroyd**