

HITTING A HIGH NOTE

BANDING TOGETHER

Providing music opportunities to youth with special needs.



Happy Holidays!

and a rockin' New Year!

Dear friends & family,

As we close out another year, we are thankful for you - our BAND of supporters! 2024 has been full of fun and music starting with the Banding Together All-Star Jam Band performing once again with Jason Mraz at his Kaleidoscope community concert event! The Jason Mraz Foundation donated a portion of the proceeds to local arts organizations!

We then kicked off the Spring and Fall Jam Session seasons at all 4 locations with record-breaking numbers and mentorship from an outstanding team of volunteers!

Soundcheck Jams came back this summer with Ozomatli sharing their stage at the Belly Up with some of our participants.

Throughout the year we have been privileged to receive generous support from organizations such as Rainbow Girls of California, CAHIP, several Rotary Clubs, Pete Cohn Foundation and Next 4 Autism! Their funds help us keep Jam Sessions rockin' but there are still many more families, teens and young adults with special needs that could benefit from the life-changing power of music!

We need your help! Any amount counts and will go towards the rising costs of hosting our programs.

2010-2024 BY THE NUMBERS

JAM SESSIONS:

- 1,972 PARTICIPANTS SERVED IN 7 LOCATIONS
- 1,231 VOLUNTEER MENTORS TRAINED
- 610 TOTAL JAM SESSIONS
- PARTNERSHIP WITH SDSU STUDENTS & LEND PROGRAM





We couldn't keep Jam Sessions rockin' without our partner locations and volunteer organizations! Thank You...

- Christ Presbyterian Church
- HandsOn San Diego
- Home of Guiding Hands
- Mater Dei High School
- Eastlake Church
- San Diego LEND
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- SDSU Department of Children & Family Development

Jam Session Highlight

Banding Together is one of the best things that has happened to our little family. Sage looks forward to it every week when it is in session! First thing in the morning he asks me what day it is and we all say "IT'S BANDING TOGETHER DAY!" and clap. Sage has become more vocal and shows excitement for few things but now we can add Jam Sessions to that list! He does come from a line of musicians. His great grandfather used to play trumpet with Louis Armstrong! Our quality of life through this experience with Sage has united us as a family and benefited us greatly. Thank you for allowing space for these special individuals to flourish in such an accepting environment.

~Tasha, Sage's mom



SAVE THE DATE - March 30, 2025

♪♪ Sips and Sounds ♪♪

An intimate concert and dinner at a private home.

Be on the lookout for more events in 2025 to help spread our mission and celebrate the 15 years of music therapy that Banding Together has brought to the community!



May your home be filled with love and music this holiday season!

With Deepest Gratitude,

Angela Meier & Julie Guy ~ Co-founders
Banding Together Board of Directors

- Kim Levey ~ President (2010-present)
- Terry Lewis (2013-present)
- Chris Modl (2015-present)
- Linda Aubery (2015-2024)
- Seth Marra
- Jeni Rayle
- Ritika Bhawal

Special thanks goes out to our long-time board members! Thank you for your many years of service!

Making a donation is simple:

- Mail in payment to
 - 7370 Opportunity Road
Suite E
San Diego, CA 92111
- Go online and donate at
 - www.bandingtogethersd.org/give



We are so grateful for all our fans that know how music therapy helps a child realize their full potential and develop into true Rock Stars!

- \$100 pays for 1 music therapy session or adapted lesson
- \$500 for 1 season of Jam Session program participation
- \$1,200 pays for 3 months of individual music therapy
- \$2,400 for a 6-months music therapy or adapted lesson
- \$7,500 funds 1 Jam Session season for 8 weeks

Every donation makes a big impact no matter the size!



STAY CONNECTED

2025 is sure to be a year full of excitement as we move forward with all Jam Session locations & continue to share our mission. Connect with us to keep up on Banding Together news & help where you can today!

