MUSIC OUTREACH

Most of us enjoy going to a performance of music in a theater, park or church. Many people cannot attend such programs because they are confined in hospitals, at home, or in personal care facilities for various reasons. Both NFMC and PFMC have long supported programs that serve these people. Music is one joy that we can share with them.

There are many ways to share this music. Sometimes donating a good recording will help to pass the time more easily. Performances by groups at various places help to provide entertainment, but also provide social outlets. Many clubs do this on a regular basis. We want you to let us know what you are doing and how you do it. This helps us recognize those who take part in this program and it gives us an idea of how many members and clubs are actively reaching out to the community.

We often think of personal care facilities, but there are opportunities at community adult care facilities, after school programs, children's hospitals, juvenile care centers, hospitals and with agencies involved in home-bound care for children and adults. Contact the administrators to find what opportunities are available. Remember to work with their needs and standards. Often we find fulfilling experiences in working with others to enrich their programs.

Remember to send in a record of your club's work in outreach.

If there are individuals who have worked with certain projects and devoted over 100 hours of their time, please give us the information so that they may be recognized. Often such people go unheralded. By recognizing them we give them and the work they care about some public exposure so that others may be motivated to join in the work or begin a similar program in their area.

Enjoy presenting your music to those who need and appreciate it. May it bring them and you joy and fulfillment.