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**CreativeBridge Coalition Receives Grant Funding to Benefit Music-based Educational Programs for Kids**

LOS ANGELES – August 19 2013 - [CreativeBridge Coalition](#) (CBC), a 501(c)(3) organization that brings music-based educational programs to children with special needs, has been awarded two grants totaling \$10,000 to benefit the expansion of its projects.

CBC received grants from the Crail-Johnson Foundation and from the Seattle Foundation to continue their Contemporary Urban Percussion (CUP) project at the Vista Del Mar School in Los Angeles. The Crail-Johnson Foundation promotes the well being of children in need by supporting organizations and projects that serve to improve children's immediate and future quality of life. [The Seattle Foundation](#) is a community organization that fosters philanthropy, driving positive change on local issues by working side by side with donors. This is the second consecutive year that CBC has been awarded funding from the foundation.

"We would like to express our appreciation for the generous support from the Crail-Johnson Foundation and the Seattle Foundation," said Bill Bodine, CBC co-founder. "These funds will allow us to grow our CUP program at the [Vista Del Mar School in Los Angeles](#), and expand our efforts to bring music-based education programs to other kids with special needs."

CreativeBridge Coalition serves children with special needs by bringing music into their lives. The CUP program running at Vista Del Mar School is for 13- to 16-year olds who have exhibited behavioral issues; it uses bucket drumming to appeal to older children. The program benefits kids by improving social skills, enhancing collaboration, and developing learning capabilities, a sense of pride and an understanding of appropriate behavior through performance. It began as a pilot program in the spring of 2013 and has been so successful in improving the children's attitudes and attention spans that the school will now run two consecutive 16-week programs. The two grants will help to pay for teachers and materials.

CreativeBridge Coalition brings together educational institutions, caregivers and music providers, and it currently has projects operating in Los Angeles, CA and Youngstown, OH. More than 90 percent of funds raised go directly to support projects.

To donate, please visit [CBC's donation page](#). For more information about the organization, contact Linda Wellendorf at [lindaw@cbridgec.org](mailto:lindaw@cbridgec.org) or call 330-518-5872.

**About CreativeBridge Coalition**

CreativeBridge Coalition is a 501(c)(3) organization formed in 2009 by two long-time friends, Bill Bodine and Dan Marshall, Ph.D., who both share passion for the music industry and the education of children and youth. The organization's mission is to bring effective music programs into the lives of young children and

those with special needs in meaningful and sustainable ways. CBC raises funds through solicitation of private donations and fundraising events. More than 90 percent of its funds go directly to support projects.

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