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CreativeBridge Coalition Receives Strong Local Support for Music-based Educational Programs for Kids

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio – August 19 2013 – [CreativeBridge Coalition](#) (CBC) has been awarded a \$7,500 grant from the [Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley](#) to be used to expand their “Count Me In” projects in Trumbull and Mahoning Counties. This expansion will bring CBC’s “Count Me In” project to students with special needs at the Fairhaven School in Trumbull County and the Rich Center for Autism in Mahoning County. The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley is a public charity that benefits donors and nonprofit partners, while encouraging collaborative community efforts across Mahoning and Trumbull Counties.

“We are so grateful for the generous support from the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley,” said Linda Wellendorf, CBC’s Communications Director and local resident. “This grant, along with the support we’ve received from Millwood Inc, Rick’s Ranch Wear, Jim and Sandy DeVicchio, the Dan Turner Family and Denise DeBartolo will allow us to grow our ‘Count Me In’ projects and expand our efforts to bring music-based programs to kids with special needs here in NE Ohio. We are extremely honored for the support of these wonderful people.”

CreativeBridge Coalition serves young children and those with special needs by bringing music into their lives. Projects benefit kids by improving social skills, enhancing personality traits and developing learning capabilities. The nonprofit brings together educational institutions, caregivers and music providers, and it currently has projects operating in Los Angeles, CA and Youngstown, OH.

If you would like to donate, please visit [CBC’s donation page](#). For more information about the organization, please contact Linda Wellendorf at 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 project costs.

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