

### ***Our Mission:***

To bring therapeutic arts services, training and education to patients, families, healthcare providers, artists and communities across Idaho.

*I experienced the healing power of the arts when my father was hospitalized, and later, during my mother's hospital stay and hospice care. The benefits I received from the arts inspired me to establish the "Merina Healing Arts" (MHA) Foundation. Through MHA, my goal is to support arts in healthcare services, as well as training and education so that all may have access to therapeutic arts.*

*~ Vicky Jekich  
Founder, Merina Healing Arts*



"Music therapy is a service modality that can help to facilitate communication between the family and the patient who is actively dying, while also providing a comforting presence."

*-American Journal of Hospice and*

*~ An Idaho Community Foundation Fund ~*

### ***Support Therapeutic Arts!***

You can support therapeutic arts in Idaho by making a tax-deductible donation to the Merina Healing Arts Foundation.

➤ **Donate online:** visit the website, [www.idcomfdn.org](http://www.idcomfdn.org) and select the "Donate Online" button. *Be sure to select "Merina Healing Arts Foundation" as the donor fund.*

➤ **Donate by mail:** make your check payable to the "Merina Healing Arts Foundation" and send to:

Merina Healing Arts Foundation Fund  
Attn: Idaho Community Foundation  
210 W. State Street  
Boise, Idaho 83702

### ***Learn more***

about becoming a sponsor, attending events, and supporting Merina Healing Arts Foundation.

Contact:

Merina Healing Arts Foundation

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[www.merinahealingarts.org](http://www.merinahealingarts.org)

*Merina  
Healing  
Arts*

*Foundation*





As a patient, family, healthcare worker, artist or community member, we often find comfort and healing in therapeutic music, art, journaling or a peaceful garden.

The *Merina Healing Arts Foundation* was established with patient and family needs in mind. We strive to:

- *Raise* community awareness about therapeutic music, art therapy, journaling and horticulture therapy.
- *Educate* healthcare providers and artists about therapeutic arts, as well as patient rights, protocols, and healing environments.
- *Grow* the fund through outreach events, activities, sponsorships, donors and community involvement.
- *Grant* funds to support healthcare programs and artist certification in therapeutic music, art therapy, journaling and horticulture therapy.

~ ***Merina Healing Arts*** ~  
**Supporting access and training in  
 therapeutic music,  
 art therapy, journaling and  
 horticulture therapy ...  
 to serve in the best interest of  
 patients & families.**



Projects and programs supported by *Merina Healing Arts* include memory boxes for perinatal bereavement support and therapeutic music training for area musicians.



*Performing artists, David Lanz and Gary Stroutsos are featured at the 2007 "Touching Lives ... through Healing Arts" benefit concert.*

**How you can support  
*Merina Healing Arts:***

- Make a tax-deductible donation.
- Add *Merina Healing Arts* to charitable giving plans, endowments, memorials or other philanthropic gifts.
- Consult with therapeutic arts professionals when evaluating creative arts services for patients.
- Educate others about *Merina Healing Arts* and therapeutic arts.
- Include therapeutic arts professionals and programs in healthcare provider business plans and budgets.
- Sponsor and attend *Merina Healing Arts* fundraising/educational events & activities.