

HOPE KIDS

**Celebrating a 20+ year partnership
between CapitalCare Dickinsfield
Residents and Katherine Therrien
Elementary Students**

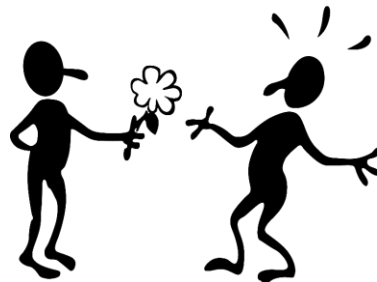
Purpose

To bring together youth with residents that live in continuing care to create, build and nurture a sense of HOPE for participants

Program Inception/Beginnings

- **First HOPE kid – Steven who had a vision**
- **Dickinsfield's History and Start Up**

Hope Kids™



What Does a Typical Visit Look Like?

- **Monthly Visits**
- **75 minute session**
- **Paired with the same partner for continuity**

What Makes this Different from Other Intergenerational Visits?

- **Focal point of HOPE**



What Makes this Different from Other Intergenerational Visits? (cont'd)

- **Exploring what HOPE is and what it means**



What Makes this Different from Other Intergenerational Visits?

- Making HOPE visible and accessible



Activity Examples



Sensory Approaches



Storytelling



Making/Taking Home Mementos



Scavenger Hunts



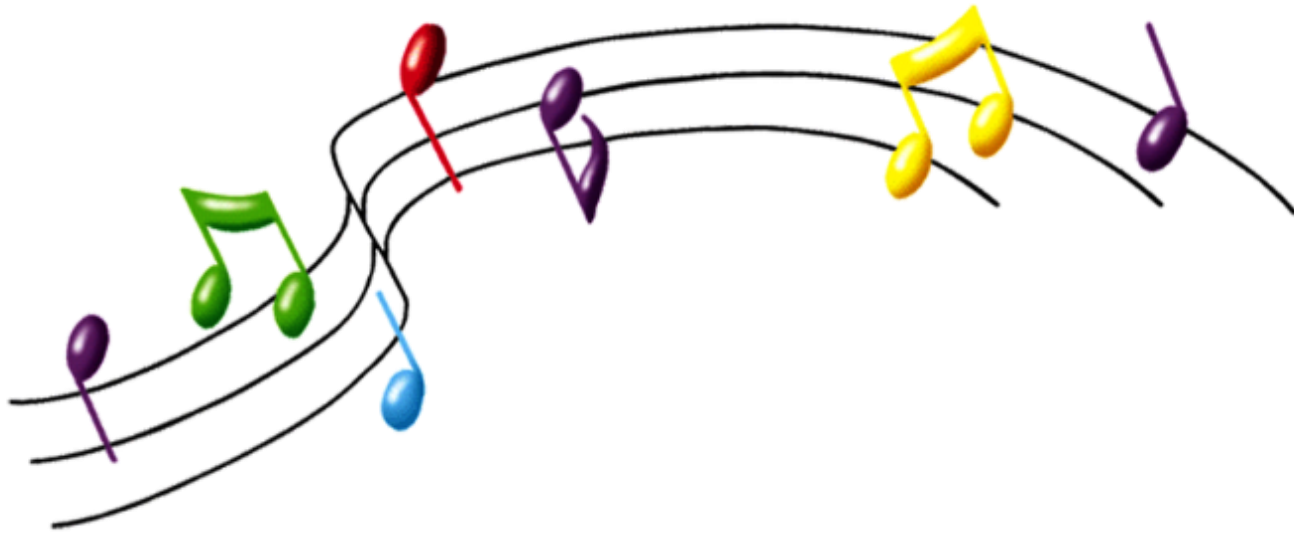
Turning Thoughts/Ideas into Actions



Crafty & Creative Opportunities



The Use of Music



Outings



Why it Works:

- **Warming the soil before planning the seed**
- **Planning & more planning**
- **The importance of volunteer spirit**
- **Champions on both ends**



Why it Works (con'td)...

- Exposing and educating other potential leaders
- Pre-briefing & de-briefing
- Using literary selections



Challenges/Barriers

- **Finding a committed partner(s)**
- **Funding**
- **Transportation**
- **Working through the hiccups**



Benefits/Outcomes

- Residents
- Students
- Teachers
- Parents
- Facility Staff



Evaluation/Closure

- **Student/Resident reflections**
- **Teachers/parents/facility staff**
- **Thanking your supporters/sponsors**

Resources

- **HOPE Studies Central: ualberta.ca/ca/hope-studies/home:**
 - **Readings**
 - **Quotes**
 - **Handouts**
- **Jevne, Ronna Fay and Miller, James. (2001) Finding Hope: Ways to See Life in a Brighter Light”.**
- **Pertman, S., Jevne, R. and Valiakalayil, A. (2001) Hope Kids: Linking Generations Through Hope Companionship.**

Thank You



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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Thank You!

