

## Community Partners Monthly Highlights

# October 2025

In October, musicians served more than **1,600** community members of all ages, through **14** events across **7** New Jersey counties.



### Annual Meeting

On October 3, the New Jersey Symphony's Annual Meeting was held at the Van Vleck House & Gardens in Montclair. The evening opened with a beautiful performance by Héctor Falcón and LonFon Law, who played a series of wonderful violin and bass duets. They played arrangements by Mozart and Piazzolla, which the audience truly enjoyed.

### Newark Arts Festival Kids

On October 11, Henry Kao and Vernon Post represented the New Jersey Symphony at NAFKids in partnership with ArtsEd Newark and the Unified Vailsburg Services Organization.

They shared the joy of music-making with an Instrument Discovery Zone, and performed lively duos for those who stopped by!



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## Music & Wellness

This month, two events celebrated HMH Week and our healthcare workers. On October 15, Xin Zhao, John Connelly, Martin Andersen, and Hyewon Kim played at Old Bridge Medical Center during lunch breaks. On October 27, John Connelly, Ann Kossakowski, Martin Andersen, and Hyewon Kim welcomed staff at Ocean University Medical Center for the night shift changeover. On October 28, David Southorn, David Blinn, and Ted Ackerman performed in the cafeteria and for patients in an inpatient unit at Riverview Medical Center. During one visit, neurosurgeon Dr. Lustgarten took a break to listen, sharing, "Music is indeed great for the brain!"

## Lantern Hill Senior Community

On October 19, Francine and Jonathan Storck performed the Music That Makes You Move program at Lantern Hill Senior Living Community in New Providence. They played dance music from various periods and cultures, including Johannes Brahms' *Hungarian Dance No. 5* and the traditional Irish jig *Irish Washerwoman*.



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## P.G. Chambers School

This month, Greg LaRosa, Theo Bockhorst, Mark Timmerman, and Tiago Linck brought the Percussion & Friends mini-residency to life at P.G. Chambers School in Cedar Knolls, a specialized school for students with physical and developmental disabilities. Over a two-week period of classroom visits, elementary and middle school students learned about the different instrument families—strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. On the final day, they joined together with all four musicians for a jam session!

As always, thank you for your support of the Community Partners program.  
Stay tuned for the next edition of Monthly Highlights!