

The ARBECY® Project

In only 2 minutes the blind can "read music via vibration" and simultaneously perform music.

Being blind or deaf affects everything and everyone in your life. Many times, the impact of these impairments bring "isolation", "loneliness", and "anger". ARBECY has demonstrated that social friendships, family activities, and community celebrations bring enjoyment and happiness to life. There is no need for anyone to journey their way through this life all alone. ARBECY brings a major shift in today's society which affects everyone's life journey.

In Las Vegas, several organizations are available to help break this downward spiral of isolation and loneliness. ARBECY's goal is to provide a "2 minute music training activity" which leads to the joy of accomplishment, socialization, and competency. This model is based on best practices approaches that focus on community, education, and family:

- **COMMUNITY** - A collaboration of community agencies is essential to creating a true "quality of life" model for the blind. ARBECY serves as a catalyst for creating fun and exciting community gatherings. The joy of creating music is combined with increased self esteem and friendship, normally experienced by members of the performing arts. This special combination creates opportunities for social gatherings and celebrations which are normally excluded from the lifestyles of the blind. The unexpected outcomes focus on the acceptance of people with blindness into an integral part of the larger community.
- **EDUCATION** – A large part of the "isolation" experienced by people who are blind is directly related to their own education regarding blindness. In addition, the community at large requires education and awareness about blindness in order to move toward a general acceptance of the blind. Education is truly a "Two-Way Street". Communities who interact with the blind learn to appreciate life and laughter at a level never anticipated. ARBECY utilizes music and musical performances as a "nonthreatening platform" for social engagement and community activity. ARBECY brings together people with or without visual impairments. Also, ARBECY includes populations of Deaf or hearing impairment. It is truly a "Win-Win" for everyone, including the family members who join in the fun of ARBECY Music.
- **FAMILY** – Each family serves as the center of emotional support, self development and competency for the Blind and Deaf of our society. ARBECY provides hope for each person who fights daily to maintain self-respect and dignity. Meaningful relationships start to form when ARBECY Music members practice and perform music. ARBECY serves as an extended family for bell choir members, band members and orchestra members.

The "ARBECY Project" began in 2009 at the Blind Center of Nevada and has continued to be a positive force in the lives of many Blind & Deaf Bell Choir Members. In 2015, ARBECY extended its music activities to a total of 5 states.



ARBECY uses "Bell Chimes" & ARBECY CELLS (modified cell phones) to coordinate the music which warms the hearts of so many. As shown in this photo, Bell Choir members demonstrate their joy, self-confidence, and competency as they perform music by Johan Sebastian Bach. The joy of "belonging" to a musical ensemble is immeasurable. Success is when each person contributes toward the overall performance. ARBECY provides this opportunity for a "Life Changing Experience" for all of its members.

The "ARBECY Project" represents its inventor's first effort to share this new technology with Music Therapists, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Church & School Activity Coordinators, and Residential Care Providers. While ARBECY takes only 2 minutes "From-Box-To-Performance", it takes less than a minute to download many songs and musical favorites. This project is self funded by its inventor, Jerry Simon (702-824-2877)