



New Board Members: Fall 2023 | Beth Murgitroyd



About Beth:

I am a mother of two teens, 18 and 16; my youngest (daughter) is a singer-songwriter and my oldest (son) is studying international relations in France. Husband is Scottish, I lived in Scotland for 8 years. We have been in NC since 2007. Have worked primarily in healthcare realm as a speech language pathologist and more recently as an outreach specialist for a nonprofit mental health facility. Lifelong musician (pianist/singer). Currently on board of several other local nonprofits (Helene Foundation, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation Carolina's chapter; Ruth Sheets Center). Trustee of Murgitroyd Foundation.

Why Music?

I am so grateful that my parents were able to provide me with the opportunity to take music lessons from age 7 through college, even when it was a financial sacrifice, and I believe it was the greatest gift I received in my life. I am excited to be part of an organization that will make this a possibility for more students because it is something that I wish could be available to every child. I also think that in our turbulent world, especially given recent wars and social conflicts that we are all seeing, playing or singing music in a group is a powerfully uniting experience that can help make the world a more beautiful and peace filled place.

Why Kidznotes?

I love that Kidznotes offers kids opportunities that provide immediate and short-term benefits, as well as the potential for longer term benefits for the rest of their lives. This organization gives kids a safe and affordable childcare option after school with snacks and supervision, as well as music lessons and opportunities to play in ensembles, which is a gift that I believes actually alters the way their brains develop and opens up new worlds for the participants.

Future Hopes

My hopes and dreams for Kidznotes are that the current programming will strengthen and flourish, and that more nucleos can be opened around the Triangle, bringing this amazing opportunity to even more families.



New Board Members: Fall 2023 | Cassandra Trinity Anderson



About Cassandra:

I am a grateful wife, mother, platinum award winning song writer, artist, actress and youth mentor. I've always loved working with the youth within the arts. One way I've done so is through an acting and hip hop music program initiated by my husband and I while living in Los Angeles. It served 2 elementary schools and 2 high schools for 7 years making a difference in an at risk community of Watts, CA. When looking for a program for our own son once we moved to NC, I wanted a program that made a difference. I also wanted a program that could train our son in a skill of music we couldn't do! With Kidznotes' classical training and El Sistema philosophy, it checked all the boxes.

Why Music? Why Kidznotes?

As a parent and now new Board Member of Kidznotes, the philosophy of El Sistema never stopped mesmerizing me; it is what made me want to be involved in a richer capacity. Watching how Kidznotes teachers execute lessons — igniting such fun and joy in the process of their teaching — and observing directors or teachers who themselves never let go of their dreams is thrilling to behold. I feel that Kidznotes students see their teachers and know firsthand that performing musicians are real people and students just like they are; they are seeing first-hand what it looks like to take their classical music training further as a profession in the world, the classroom or just as a loving skill to share with their personal families or community. That is important and empowering. I have absolutely the greatest admiration for the faithful hearts of our founding Kidznotes team, the previous administration, and director I spent the most time with and am so looking forward to working with the new Director this year.

Future Hopes

Becoming a board member is a natural transition for me; to serve is an honor. I'm hoping that my experiences with youth, event planning, the entertainment industry and KPAC will all be all key assets to the Board and the Kidznotes organization for years to come! I'm excited for the journey with a program where I've seen little kids do big things!