

Dear Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association,

I am an oncology therapist writing from Life With Cancer ([lifewithcancer.org](http://lifewithcancer.org)) in Fairfax, VA. We are planning on running an 8 or 10-week, closed group called Singing for Healing for cancer patients and their family caregivers beginning in May or June (this would be once a week, in the evenings). The group is meant to be a therapeutic singing group and we are planning on singing songs with particular themes (e.g., Bridge Over Troubled Water, Because I knew you—from Wicked).

We think that this group has the potential to be a very meaningful, healing experience for people who are going through a very difficult time.

We are looking for a piano player/ teacher who would be willing to volunteer their time to play piano for this group/ music direct, while I would provide the emotional processing piece in regards to the content of songs we would be singing. The person must be comfortable being in the presence of people living with cancer, some of whom will have advanced disease, and would have to be able to commit to coming for the entirety of the group.

If you know of someone who might be interested in taking this on, I would appreciate having a further conversation.

Many thanks,  
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