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Zylofone Dreams of World Class Performing Arts Center

Zylofone, a group dedicated to rallying around the vision of its founder, Debbie Major, to create a performing arts experience in the Hudson Valley region that is inspiring for people of all ages with disabilities, has received a \$5000 donation from the Crystal Run Village Foundation, Inc.

Debbie Major, a single mother, has raised highly functioning twin boys with special needs – now 21 years old, Gage was born with Cerebral Palsy and Asperger’s Syndrome; Jacob has classical autism. Major is intimately familiar with the challenges, frustrations and systemic bias that people with disabilities are confronted with on a daily basis. Professionally, Major has a long distinguished career as a renowned vocalist, musician, performer and music educator. She is uniquely qualified to understand what most effectively works to teach, engage and inspire special needs individuals to achieve their full potential. Over many years of observing, evaluating, and fine-tuning her teaching methods and techniques, Major has developed a plethora of ideas to serve people with disabilities in the performing arts community, including physical space design concepts, visual stimulation, and sensory perception.

“Our ultimate goal is to build a world class performing arts facility for disabled children and adults,” Major explained. “A place where individuals can have the freedom to express themselves in an educational and creative environment.”

The Crystal Run Village Foundation, Inc. raises, manages and distributes funds for bettering the lives of individuals and families living with the social, cultural and economic consequences of intellectual and psychological disabilities. **For information about Zylofone, contact Debbie Major at 845-476-8257 or www.zylofone.org**

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