

# Therapists Testimonials

“Beamz has captured the interest and attention of some of the most isolated people I see for music therapy – those with limited communication, degenerative illness and traumatic brain injury. It supports and encourages individuals to be actively and independently involved in live music making. This makes Beamz an incredibly powerful way to showcase someone’s ability and potential – by-passing disability – providing a level playing field for incredible music making. There are no words to convey that sense of achievement when you are controlling and connecting to music. When there is flow, movement, success and a sense of purpose and pride in what you are doing – this is what you see and hear when someone is playing the Beamz”.

**Rachel Crennell, Music Therapist**

I use Beamz with most of my patients in a therapy setting, and I can use it with all ages. My patients really feel as though they are doing something amazing when they use the Beamz. It’s a great self-esteem and confidence builder, I have used the Beamz for psychotherapy and for PT. In both settings, my patients loved the Beamz and experienced benefit from its use.

**Therapist**

“Beamz has created a unique, interactive opportunity for our students. Beamz has allowed our clients to be creative musically without limitations. “

**Robin Melillo, PTA**

“Lucas is nonverbal with CP. He has difficulty regulating his upper body motion but understands much more than he can show. He has a wonderful sense of humor. When first meeting him, he loves to tell everyone that he meets goodbye and then giggles....

I love watching Lucas use the Beamz. I truly believe that he has a music ear and the sense of how to move his arm to play the music on the Beamz, which motivates Lucas to move his arms in a much more controlled pattern than what he would typically do when participating in many other activities that I have offered Lucas. It appears to intrinsically motivate Lucas, providing Lucas with direct, positive feedback regarding the quality of his movement, challenges endurance, and independence. I believe Beamz allows Lucas to experience the sense of mastery that he truly craves to achieve but struggles to accomplish when participating in so many aspects of his daily life.

And, we are so so appreciative as a team for your assistance and generosity. “

**-Rachel Shamah – Occupational Therapist, Scottsdale Unified School District**

“I love the Beamz – I think it’s a great accessory to music therapy! It provides another outlet for kids to be able to express themselves, work on some of those functional goals, but also in a fun setting, in a way that’s unique and not just a typical “drum”. They get to do some different sound effects and we’ll use it in a cool way that’s different. They love it. They love to pretend to be a DJ, they love to play games with it they enjoy coming up with five different ways to use their bodies and explore it. Definitely something that brings the group together but also gives them the chance to have that individuality and express themselves which is always really important. It’s great for a lot of our kids who might have difficulty with some of those physical aspects – it might be difficult for a child to bang on the drums, some of those gross motor skills but to be able to use their hands, it’s so much more accessible to so many of our kids which is great, it’s not limiting for anybody. It’s really a broad-spectrum instrument where they feel successful no matter what they’re challenge is. It’s very multi-functional, it’s able to be used in a variety of different settings, different individuals with different functioning levels. The adults have a good time with it, the kids have a good time with it, and your able to adjust some of those goals. You get some great information with some of the booklets you get with it, it gives you ideas, and some of those materials to kind of work on so a lot of our other therapists are excited to get using it as well. They (the kids) would give it a “12” I’m sure, they have a blast.” “

**-Sabrina Deutsch – Music Therapist, Lauren’s Institute for Education (L.I.F.E.)**

“As a neurologist and research scientist, I support that the possibilities within your technology are limitless for individuals of all ages. From children with developmental disabilities to those facing serious life-threatening illnesses, Beamz makes perfect sense. For children and adults in rehabilitation, Beamz has extraordinary potential to facilitate

and accelerate ongoing progress. In the context of senior care, Beamz can help older people discover renewed confidence, meaning and value through the joy of recreational music making.”

**-Barry Bittman, MD – President & CEO, Yamaha Music and Wellness Institute**  
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