



## ***HEALTH***

### **“MUSIC IN THE ATRIUM PROGRAM” VOLUNTEERS**

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The ten volunteers in the “*Music in the Atrium Program*” give their time and whole hearted passion to making cancer a little less daunting for patients receiving treatment to battle their disease.

From 9:00 am until noon at the Carol G. Simon Cancer Center in Morristown, these specially-trained volunteers serve food in the lobby while professional musicians create an atmosphere of comfort and relaxation. The volunteers provide the patients and their families with refreshments, support, and the opportunity for friendly conversation.

For patients who are not able to remain in the lobby during the program, the volunteers visit the chemotherapy infusion suites to deliver gifts or just to chat.

They provide emotional and caring support with a smile, a soft touch or a listening ear, while at the same time arranging food, giving directions and singing.

The “*Music in the Atrium Program*” has now been recognized in newspapers and television programs throughout the community for turning trying times into bearable and often pleasantly memorable experiences.

The program, established in 2001, is funded by the Jeffrey Frank Wacks Memorial Fund and is entirely organized by the volunteers.