

Thursday June 5, 2008

We had the pleasure of having Jack Duke and his drum ensemble here today at Ridgeview Institute. We met on the Older Adult unit and we invited the Adolescents to come over and join us.

Everyone was given a percussion instrument and for the first half hour everyone (about 25 people) made their own rhythm in a free range style but together it sounded perfectly orchestrated.

Jack encouraged the adolescents and the older adults to greet one another. He invited individual adolescents to lead the group in different tempos and volumes. Some of the cognitively impaired older adults actively participated too.

One could see the patients all become engaged and they enjoyed the unique experience. Thank you for providing this special opportunity,

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