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COLEMAN SCHOOL THERAPIST AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE
Kristen Brennan receives the 2008 American Music Therapy Association Service Award

Kristen Brennan, Music Therapist from the *John A. Coleman School Manhattan* has been awarded the 2008 Service Award of the Mid Atlantic Region of the American Music Therapy Association. The award was presented to Ms. Brennan during the 2008 Regional Conference which took place March 26 – 29, at the Clarion Hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ.

As a music therapist at the Coleman School, Kristen provides music therapy in groups and individual sessions to medically fragile children in residence at the *Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center*. This therapeutic intervention uses music to address physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs. Quality of life is improved for the seriously ill and disabled. Interventions are designed to promote wellness, manage stress, alleviate pain, express feelings, enhance memory, improve communication and promote physical rehabilitation.

During the Award ceremony presenter Brian Abrams stated that in her work with the Association, "Kristen is tirelessly devoted to the music therapy profession. She serves as a fast and forward thinker, with a caring and sensitive heart. Kristen has the stunning ability to contribute meaningfully.....demonstrating the utmost in commitment to service and love for music therapy."

All of her colleagues at the John A. Coleman School and Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center offer their sincere heartfelt congratulations to Kristen Brennan as the recipient of this professional honor and for her excellence in the provision of music therapy.

The John A. Coleman School is approved by the State of New York Department of Health and the New York State Department of Education to provide educational services to children with special needs. It is located within and serves the residents of The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center located in Chelsea in New York City. The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center is a healthcare organization providing quality specialized nursing/rehabilitation care to medically fragile children with differing levels of abilities. These resident children and their families are the focus of all that we do.

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The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center and John A. Coleman School are committed to changing the lives of medically fragile children, one child at a time. All programs are centered on the children we serve and their families, respecting individual cultural beliefs and practices. Each child admitted to the Center enters a "Neighborhood" where they receive team-based trans-disciplinary care, including medicine, nursing, social services, palliative care, mental health, rehabilitation, education, nutrition, child life/therapeutic activity, pastoral care and more. To learn more please visit www.setonpediatric.org.

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