



## **£500K CASH BOOST FOR ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE MUSICAL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA**

**January 11, 2021. London.** The Music for Dementia campaign and the Utley Foundation are kicking off 2021 with the launch of The Paul and Nick Harvey Fund to directly support musical activities for people living with dementia.

Registered charities and CICs delivering music to people with dementia are being invited to apply for a grant from the £500k fund, launched today (11 January 2021).

Donated by The Hunter Foundation, this new fund builds on the success of the extensive work of Music for Dementia. The substantial donation came after Sir Tom Hunter heard about Paul & Nick Harvey via BBC Breakfast.

**Paul Harvey is a former classical pianist and music teacher, now in his 80s, who lives with dementia. His spontaneous Four Notes composition, videoed by his son Nick, went viral across social media in September 2020; it was orchestrated by a BBC Philharmonic player and recorded by the BBC Philharmonic in October, then made available as a single. Music for Dementia was nominated by the father and son to receive half of the sales proceeds alongside Alzheimer's Society.**

The Utley Foundation and Music for Dementia are looking for applications from providers of all different types of musical offers and services from across the UK. They would particularly like to hear from those who have developed innovative approaches to delivering music during COVID-19, and those working with BAME groups and communities.

Any charity or CIC with an annual income of £5m or less, currently delivering music for people living with dementia in their local community, is eligible to apply for a grant from The Paul & Nick Harvey Fund.

**Grace Meadows, Programme Director for Music for Dementia,** said: "We are delighted to be able to direct this generous donation from The Hunter Foundation towards community-based, musical offerings for people living with dementia and those that provide them.

"Music will continue to play an incredibly important role in people's lives and their recovery from Covid during this year. This additional funding boost to the sector will enable vital services to continue to help reduce isolation and loneliness, whilst supporting recovery and rehabilitation from the pandemic for all."

"The results of this fund will also build the evidence base of the benefits of music. It complements the work we are doing, including m4d Radio, our award-winning 24-hour radio station for people living with dementia , so that we can continue to advocate for wider change."

**Paul and Nick Harvey commented:** "We are both absolutely thrilled that the fund is now open. The power of music cannot be overstated, and we hope that the fund will help to improve the quality of life of as many people living with dementia as possible."

**Sir Tom Hunter said:** "Paul and Nick are an inspiration to us all, underscoring the power of music to support those afflicted by the awful impact of dementia...Music for Dementia is an amazing force in delivering support to grass roots organisations offering music therapy and we are proud to support this fund."

Application guidelines and an online application form are available via the Music for Dementia website - <https://musicfordementia.org.uk/paul-and-nick-harvey-fund-application-guidelines/>

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