



-bringing the healing power of music to children battling cancer.

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## **'School of Rock' Program at Duke Children's Hospital Receives Additional Funding from Rock Against Cancer**

**Durham, NC--** Rock Against Cancer is continuing its mission to make music part of the cure for children battling cancer. The Duke Children's Hospital "School of Rock" program will receive a second round of funding on April 28, 2009 at 11:00am in the (insert place). Rock Against Cancer founder, Dr. Lisa White, will present a check in the amount of \$20,000 to continue music therapy for children and teens hospitalized during cancer treatment. In addition there will be a live demonstration of a group music therapy session. The "School of Rock" provides a Board Certified Music Therapist to work with young cancer patients including song writing and recording. Studies show music helps young cancer patient's deal with the anxiety, nausea and pain that accompany chemotherapy.

Rock Against Cancer began the "School of Rock" program in 2005 with a grant from the Hot Topic Foundation. Since then, eleven programs have been created in top Children's Oncology Hospitals across the country. In August 2007, this "School of Rock" program opened at Duke Children's Hospital and Board Certified Music Therapist, Tray Batson was hired part time.

"We are thrilled with the positive impact Tray has had on children with cancer being treated at Duke Children's Hospital. Children write and perform songs with Tray and feel safe in expressing their emotions about being young and having to battle cancer. We are extremely proud of the eleven School of Rock programs operating around the country". -Dr. Lisa White, Founder, Rock Against Cancer

### **About Rock Against Cancer**

Founded in 2000, Rock Against Cancer is a national non-profit organization using Music Therapy and innovative music programs while working with well-known entertainers from the music industry to empower and support the emotional needs of young cancer patients. Rock Against Cancer's programs provide children and families respite from the long and painful cancer treatment process using music, while helping to garner public awareness and support for the youngest cancer survivors. RAC programs include Stars Night Out, Gifts from the Heart, and School of Rock. Lisa White, Ph.D founded Rock Against Cancer after her son, Gabriel, was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of two and went through thirty-eight months of treatment before going into remission. For more information, visit [www.rockagainstcancer.org](http://www.rockagainstcancer.org).

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