



COMMUNITY SERVICE PERFORMANCES

A "Community Service Performance" is an informal gathering of 8 to 12 students and their parents so the students can not only "practice performing", but also experience what it's like to play the piano for an appreciative audience of complete strangers.

Participating in these performances has great benefits to the student. I have seen over the years that those students who perform regularly tend to:

- ♪ make faster progress,
- ♪ remember their finished pieces longer, and,
- ♪ are a bit less nervous at the big Annual Recital.



There will be at least two Community Service Performances scheduled each semester – **and it is mandatory for Semester and Year-Round students to attend at least one of them.** However, which one you attend is your choice and there is no charge for these performances.

Most of the Community Service Performances are held on a Saturday afternoon from **2:00 - 3:00pm.** Students will meet at **Merrill Gardens Northbay** at **1:50pm.** **The address** is: **2261 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo** ... located across Tuolumne from the Sutter Hospital complex, and on the corner of North Camino Alto where the best street-parking is.

The Dress Code is a "casual dressy" (no jeans, shorts, tennis shoes, flip flops, etc).



Merrill Gardens Northbay has a nice Baby Grand near a fireplace in the "community game room" and there is seating for about 12 Students with Parents, along with the audience of Residents. We have been going there for about 14 years now ... the staff is very nice and some of the Residents really enjoy following the student's progress. It is a great experience for everyone!

Please note: for those students who have a Community Service requirement to fulfill at school or church ... this counts. Just tell me and I will sign your "hour log".

The Community Service Performances are video-taped and some of the individual clips are posted in the Student Gallery.