

Particle Accelerator

A Day of Music And Hope

May 2021

Dear Friends,

Wow. What a year it has been. As we emerge from COVID-19 we are thrilled to share that we plan to be back in person for Particle Accelerator 2021 on Saturday August 7th in Putnam's Rotary Park.

This year will mark our 15th Annual Particle Accelerator. What started as a tribute to our friend and son, Jack Young Jr., has evolved and grown to so much more.

Particle is A Day of Music and Hope. Music brings us together and is an outlet to express our emotions even in our darkest times. There is always hope, and Particle is committed to continuing our mission of erasing the stigma around mental health and raising awareness about local resources available to help.

Outreach and education about depression, mental health and suicide is more important than ever. Will you join us this year?

Your sponsorship and support will still be directed where it always has been: to United Services, northeastern Connecticut's Local Mental Health Authority and provider of an array of mental health, substance abuse and social service programs. United Services is experiencing significant increases across its programs as it responds to the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath.

Particle Accelerator is a free concert featuring all genres of music for all ages. The annual festival's goal is to provide information and support for depression and suicide prevention, while promoting music and civic engagement as a healthy alternative to drug and alcohol abuse among young adults.

Last year, many generous local businesses reached out and sponsored Particle Accelerator. Our online concert reached more than 1,500 people in northeastern Connecticut and beyond.

We hope you will take the time to consider and support this important effort to connect with young people, and all in our community, through the power of art and music.

Tax deductible contributions are welcomed and greatly appreciated. For more information on how to support Particle Accelerator 2021, please read the enclosed packet or contact us at info@particle.rocks.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about this very important community event!



Grace and Jack Young

Eric and Sandy Gould

Particle Accelerator Founders



Who We Are

Particle Accelerator is an annual benefit concert with two main goals:

1. Raise money in order to support United Services, Inc. of Dayville, CT in their mission of providing “an effective response to the youth, family and adult social and behavioral health needs in its community.” Some programs we have supported are the 24 Hour Emergency Hotline and the Mental Health First Aid Training course.
2. Provide information and support for depression and suicide prevention, while promoting music and civic engagement as a healthy alternative to drug and alcohol abuse among young adults.

The event is run by a group of local residents, business owners and musicians who donate their time, money and talent in order to bring suicide and depression awareness to the forefront. Particle Accelerator began 2007 in response to the suicide of local youth and musician Jack Young Jr.; aka “The Legendary Jack Young Jr.” When Jack Young Jr. told his family of his depression, they tried to get him help. But because Jack had no health insurance, he was turned away by local mental health clinics. Feeling hopeless, Jack Young Jr. died by suicide on his 27th birthday, May 8, 2007. It wasn’t until after young Jack’s death that his parents Grace Young and Jack Young Sr. discovered that United Services provided mental healthcare regardless of insurance status. Determined that no more parents should lose their son due to a lack of information, Jack Young Jr.’s family created Particle Accelerator to honor Jack’s memory, spread awareness of suicide and depression, and raise funds to help United Services in all that they do for the community.

As word of the event spread, others whose lives had been touched by suicide joined the cause. In 2010, Particle Accelerator organizers began working with Putnam P.R.I.D.E, the Putnam Police Department and the Putnam Recreation Department to make the concert a town event in Putnam, Connecticut.

Particle Accelerator showcases local bands from a variety of genres. Some popular local bands that have donated their talent to Particle Accelerator are Billy Pilgrim, Circadium Rhythm, The Great Garage Band Reunion, Restless Souls, Kala Farnham and Element 42 to name just a few.



Particle Accelerator 2021 Sponsorship Levels

Particle Accelerator offers many easy levels of sponsorship for Particle Accelerator 2021, our 15th Annual benefit concert slated to take place Aug. 7, 2021 in Rotary Park in Putnam, CT. If you choose a sponsorship level of “Bronze” or higher, please be sure to email your logo to artwork@particle.rocks no later than July 2, 2021.

Title Sponsor.....\$5,000

All of the below, plus recognition and logo in all QPR Suicide Prevention training program publicity and materials during the 2021/22 fiscal year. (QPR trainings are held in person and via videoconference)

Showcase Sponsor.....\$1,000 or more

All of the below, plus your business logo on the stage during the event.

Premiere Sponsor.....\$750 or more

All of the below, plus a social media post on our page with your logo and small write-up about your business.

Gold Sponsor.....\$500

All of the below, plus logo on our T shirt.

Silver Sponsor.....\$300

All of the below, plus your logo on our website.

Bronze Sponsor..... \$150

Your business name on the Wall of Sponsors and an individual lawn sign with your business logo to be displayed in Putnam, CT along the roadside the day of the event.

Friend of Particle..... \$50

Your business name on the Wall of Sponsors.

The attached Pledge Form may also be accessed online at www.particle.rocks. Please make checks payable to United Services, Inc. Tax deductible contributions are welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank You for Your Support!

United Services, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.



2021 DONATIONS FORM

For more information and other payment options, please visit www.particle.rocks

Donor Information (please print clearly)

Name:

Company (If applicable):

Billing address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Telephone (home):

Telephone (business):

Fax:

E-Mail:

PLEDGE INFORMATION

I (we) donate a total of:

Amount: Title Sponsor (\$5,000)- all below plus recognition and logo in all QPR Suicide Prevention training program publicity and materials during the 2021/22 fiscal year. (QPR trainings are held in person and via videoconference)

Amount: Showcase Sponsor (\$1000 or more)- all below, business logo on stage during the event.

Amount: Premiere Sponsor (\$750)- all below, plus a social media post on our page with your logo and small write-up about your business.

Amount: Gold Sponsor (\$500)- all below, plus logo on our T shirt.

Amount: Silver Sponsor (\$300)- all below, and business logo on our website

Amount: Bronze Sponsor (\$150)- below, and business logo on individual yard sign

Amount: Friend of Particle (\$50)- business name on wall of sponsors

I (we) plan to make this contribution in the form of:

cash check

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INFORMATION

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements:

Name:

Date:

Signature:

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR OTHER GIFTS PAYABLE TO: *United Services, Inc.*

**Mail to: Particle Accelerator
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