

Judith "Judi" Spencer "Music is the language of the heart, a universal language that speaks to all people, going places where words alone will not penetrate".

Judi has intentionally dedicated her life to sharing her gift of music with those who need it most. It is by no coincidence her instruments of choice center on the voice and percussion since Judi lives by the universal beat of connection. Regardless of which environment she enters, you will find her forging new friendships and spreading her positive vibration around the globe.

Born and raised in Calgary, Alberta, Judi is a proud Canadian. From a young age, she refined her musical gifts by studying voice, piano and percussion. She sought higher education in the states, and after earning an undergrad at Baylor University, she went on to earn a Graduate Degree in Music Performance and Education at Indiana State University. A forever student of her passions, Judi has a growing collection of certifications which add to her ability to share her gifts with the world.

Judi has been involved with the Parkinson's community for over 20 years, beginning when her father was diagnosed with PD. Judi has lobbied in both Canada and the United States as a Parkinson's Advocate. She was honored to lead the World Parkinson's Choir at the World Parkinson's Congress in Portland, OR in 2016 and again in Kyoto, Japan in 2019. Judi travels internationally as a Music Specialist leading rhythm, music, and vocal workshops, and is a community choral director. She is a skilled musical artist who is well known for her concert performances with marimba, an instrument as unique as she is.

Judi is a woman who spends her energy seeking the beauty in life. The people she surrounds herself with would say that she is an endless well of positivity. Small in stature, yet mighty in the heart, Judi charges forward in life with the tenacious spirit of a hummingbird. She walks with God in everything she does; the way Judi promotes healing, wellness and joy through music is nothing short of a divine gift.

Despite being generous with her time for the causes that mean most to her, she is a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and an outdoor enthusiast. Judi and her husband, Warren, currently live in the Cascade foothills of Tahoma (Mt. Rainier) in Washington State, with their dog, Graham. They surrounded themselves with their three sons and families consisting of two grandsons and two granddaughters who adore and visit them often.

To connect or to learn more about Judi and the incredible ways she continues to touch the world, please visit her website: <u>www.JudiSpencer.com</u>