

## Mark Saiki, Sing Along Group Creator, Dancer, Dance Teacher



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March 26, 2018

Village at Northrise  
2884 North Road Runner Parkway  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

Re: Recreation Assistant #255275

I would like to apply for the position of Recreation Assistant. I interviewed with Ms. Stacey Castro, on 2/8/2018 at 1:30 pm, for the position of Recreation Director, Number 259521, for the position in your Rehabilitation Unit.

One generation ago, the old standard for an activity director was a piano player, who could lead their nursing home in song, including gospel music. I am the updated version for that position. I have a complete PA system and thousands of accompaniment tapes. I have entertained at nursing homes for the past sixteen years. I can lead sing along of oldies, Frank Sinatra and gospel music, three times per week.

Enclosed are a Resume, and a link to one of my Sing Along Group [flyers](#). I have volunteered to entertain at nursing homes, with my Sing Along Group for sixteen years, including the last year and a half, in Las Cruces and Alamogordo, New Mexico. I have performed for a variety of senior citizens and age groups. I bring a PA amplifier, speakers and accompaniment tapes. I sing requests, Oldies, country music, gospel\hymns, popular, Christmas carols, Al Jolson, Glenn Miller, Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland and Irving Berlin. I am also a musical historian, who is familiar with folk songs, Stephen Foster, and public domain music.

Your Assisted Living Community provides an excellent opportunity for me to get some experience in this field. I would like to shift careers, and take advantage of my sixteen years entertaining Nursing Homes, in the Denver, Colorado metro area and the last two years in Las Cruces and Alamogordo, New Mexico.

I am willing to carry forward your existing activities calendar. Such as: bingo, bridge, card and board games, reading circle\book club, church\Bible Study, and exercise.

I propose to add a newspaper, website, possibly cooking classes, and computer and internet activity (such as letter writing). I have created the Discussion Packet Teaching Method, and I would like to add weekly discussions on American History topics. Taking advantage of my dance and teaching backgrounds, I would like to add dance classes and adaptive dances, which probably will consist of me dancing, and residents moving to the music, in their walkers and wheel chairs.

Among other cooking skills, I have grilled steak for my wife and her parents. I would like to solicit family input and try to set up various forms of family dinners complete with resident guests, family members and other friends.

Please let me know if you would be interested in hiring me, as a Recreation Assistant. I look forward to a job interview.

If you have any questions, please call or write. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark Saiki  
Professor of History  
Sing Along Group Creator

December 25, 2017

Sing Along Group  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

Re: Sing Along Group.

I just added Casa Del Sol. I will be adding Desert Peaks, where Kayla's Sunday school teacher lives at, in January 2018. The last time we sang at Good Samaritan, one of the New Desert Harmony Singers and her mother were there. All of them are welcome to join us.

Everyone is welcome to help me entertain mostly at nursing homes. Please join me and help spread the word. Call if you want to practice.

My plans for moving back to Colorado have changed. The room I was going to rent has cancelled. I will be in Las Cruces, NM until at least May 2018, and maybe beyond that.

14. Sunday, December 17, 2016, 10:00 am – 11:00 am	Aristocrat of Las Cruces Nursing Home 2969 Claude Dove Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88011
15. Saturday, December 30, 2017, 10:00 am – 11:00 am	Casa Del Sol Center 2905 East Missouri Las Cruces, NM 88011-4813
16. Sunday, January 14, 2018 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Good Samaritan Nursing Home East Dining Room 3025 Terrace Dr Las Cruces, NM 88011
17. Sunday, February 11, 2018 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Good Samaritan Nursing Home East Dining Room 3025 Terrace Dr Las Cruces, NM 88011
18. Sunday, February 18, 2018, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Casa Del Sol Center 2905 East Missouri Las Cruces, NM 88011-4813

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Sincerely,

Mark Saiki  
Bankruptcy Attorney  
Sing Along Group Creator