

**Marilyn Freemon /Vocalist, Nurse and Musical Healing Artist** - is originally from St. Petersburg, Fl.. Marilyn has been singing since she was a very young girl. She won numerous state singing awards in high school and with the help and support of Nancy Fannon, auditioned and was accepted into Florida State University -where she studied classical voice under the direction of Betty Jane Grimm. Marilyn sang with various choral groups in college including under the direction of the renowned Robert Shaw. She graduated from Florida State with a degree in Music Therapy - and has extensive experience working with various exceptionalities -including deaf children, autism, at risk teenagers and all levee;s of physical and mentally challenged individuals. Marilyn expanded her musical experience in Minneapolis MN where she attended a private school studying various genres of music -including jazz, blues and rock. Very soon she headed up her own R & B band and blues band and found herself being asked to headline The Cedar Fest - a large annual jazz/music festival in the Minneapolis area. While there, she her G&A nursing license and began working for hospice - using her voice and her music as a healing energy. She returned to St, Petersburg in 2001 and since then has received her LPN and RN licenses. Marilyn considers her true calling to be using her vocal talents and love for people for service in hospice and for music therapy. She is very grateful and excited to be a part of this very special fund-raising event.