



### Laptop or Desktop

It's beneficial for your MUSIC & MEMORY<sup>SM</sup> program to give thought to how you will house your music library. Setting up the iTunes library on one computer and then moving it later is quite the task, although it can be done. However, playlists that have been created on one computer will not transfer to another. The of songs will transfer over. However, the actual music must be loaded, by song, again into each playlist. It's best to give consideration to the following prior to setting up and beginning to implement your program.

#### Residential Care Facility:

In most situations, a laptop is preferable to a desktop PC to house your iTunes library. A laptop's portability gives you the ability to sample music with residents and/or their families in a resident's room or anywhere else in your facility. It allows you to download music wherever you need to.

If you use your own work PC, then you'll need to allow others to use your computer to load music, create playlists and set up iPods...often not all that convenient. You'll also be adding to the "back and forth" involved when you need to get something done right away.

If, however, you are in a personal care home with a handful of residents, or a very small facility where distance is not an issue, then a desktop might be fine.

#### Home Health Care Organization:

If you are setting up iPods centrally, then a desktop is fine. If you are planning to create the personalized playlist and set up the iPod at the program participant's place of residence, the laptop will be required.

#### Other Configurations:

A mobile cart with either a desktop or laptop gives you the same portability.