

RENOWNED MUSICIANS BAND TOGETHER TO END HOMELESSNESS
Benefit to be hosted at the B.O.B. to assist Guiding Light Mission

On Sunday February 21st, renowned musicians will gather to rock against homelessness. No event of this kind, with musicians of this caliber has ever taken place in Michigan, and it is all to benefit Guiding Light Mission, to assist their efforts in ending life on the streets.

“Bands will be joining together for a night of music and fun, in an effort to generate funds and raise awareness to support the local shelter, Guiding Light Mission. Nine bands will be playing from 3:00 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. at the B.O.B, to help show their support in the fight against homelessness in the Grand Rapids area,” says organizer Fred DeVries of Soundchaser Management.

With the rising poverty levels, Guiding Light Mission has an influx of men that are in need of shelter and counseling. The mission is fully funded by donations alone and is counting on the Grand Rapids community to lend a helping hand in such devastating times. “Through this event we hope to both raise money and awareness of the plight of homeless people in Grand Rapids and what organizations such as The Guiding Light are doing to help combat the problem,” said DeVries.

Founder of the B.O.B., Greg Gilmore, recognizes Guiding Light Mission as a great resource and partner in the Grand Rapids area, and goes further to say, “Part of our corporate mission statement is to be an asset to the community and when introduced to the event, we immediately saw it as a natural fit to provide our services.”

“This whole event started because one man was ready to end his life and another man was willing to save it,” states Stuart Ray from Guiding Light Mission. “We are honored to be a part of “Musicians against Homelessness”, we think it’s a great way to gain awareness for GLM, address the issue of poverty and reinforce the need for financial support in these trying times of our economy.”

The event was inspired by a local man whose life was saved by the services offered at Guiding Light Mission. Once a man living on the streets, he is now a proud employee of Van Andel Arena.

“I believe if one person’s life is affected in a positive way due to our efforts then the event will have been as success. Through the event we hope to raise both awareness of the homeless problem here in Grand Rapids and raise awareness of organizations, such as Guiding Light Mission are doing to assist those facing life on the street,” says DeVries

Due to the event’s popularity, and growth through social media outlets such as Facebook and Twitter, musicians are still requesting to become involved. Musicians or volunteers are encouraged to assist in helping Guiding Light staff as well as volunteering to help in managing and setting up for the event.

Community members are welcome to join in on the festivities and there will be a suggested \$15 donation fee at the door. Guiding Light also has an “In Kind Needs of List” (attached) attendees are encouraged to give according to ability.

Scheduled Entertainment Lineup

The Dusty Chaps Band 3:00pm-3:40pm

- Mixing classic country, classic rock, Dusty is an experienced entertainer who will incorporate your audience into his show with jokes, sing-a-longs, and personal interaction. [Dusty Chaps Website](#)

13th Hour 4:00pm-4:40pm

- Interests in song favorites old and new, strong vocal harmonies, and specializes in a tight, energetic performance that reflects the band's considerable talents as instrumentalists [13th Hour Website](#)

Trilogy 5:00pm-5:40pm

- Trilogy is a live-performing band, playing a variety of music, entertaining the West Michigan area. [Trilogy Website](#)

Delilah DeWylde and The Lost Boys 6:00pm-6:45pm

- Members in the band include: Delilah DeWylde (Upright Bass & Vocals), Lee Harvey (Esquire), DJ McCoy (Drums), performing in the Grand Rapids area with their love for classic country music. [Delilah De Wylde and The Lost Boys Website](#)

Organissimo 7:00pm-7:45pm

- Formed in late 2000 as a performance vehicle for guitarist Joe Gloss and organist Jim Alfredson's growing stable of original tunes. [Organissimo Website](#)

Ralston Bowles 8:00pm-8:45pm

- Singer, song-writer, Bowles performs throughout the Grand Rapids area. Recently, diagnosed with colon cancer, and plans to show his support and love at events like this one at "Musicians against Homelessness". [Ralston Bowles Website](#)

Natchez Trace 9:00pm-9:45pm

- Natchez Trace is the acoustic classic rock band that was known and loved all the way back to the 1970's. [Natchez Trace Website](#)

OTC 10:00-10:45pm

- 6 member band interested in a variety of genres, with Rob Hansen-Lead vocals, Kevin Robinson-Lead guitar, Will Rogers-Keyboards and piano, Randy Sieracki-Drums, Jim Phillips-Bass, and Jay Swieringa-Sound. [OTC Website](#)

Greg Nagy 11:00pm-11:45pm

- Singer, song-writer, Greg Nagy, formerly with the Root Doctor Band, took his rightful place among today's leading American roots musicians with the 2009 release of his first feature album, Walk That Fine Thin Line. [Greg Nagy's Website](#)

"All- Star Blues Jam with Jim Shaneberger"

- Jim Shaneberger, entertaining West Michigan for years, plays with a variety of groups and bands. [Jim Shaneberger's Website](#)

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Guiding Light Mission helps men to transition out of homelessness by providing a biblically-based, residential substance abuse recovery program, and assistance finding jobs and housing. They provide an average of 8,000 meals per month to men, women and children in the community and

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donate almost 10,000 pounds of food monthly to local charities. Additionally, Guiding Light Mission has more than 100 emergency shelter beds available every night for homeless men in the Heartside community. The Mission is funded entirely by private donations and relies extensively on volunteers.

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