



Insider

Simon House Fundraiser *The Music of Chicago* performed by Direct Energy

August 24, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

The Grand Theatre, Frankfort, KY

Do you remember where you were when the band Chicago released its first hit album, "The Chicago Transit Authority"? For those of you who do remember (or just enjoy the music) the Simon House has an opportunity for you to hear those great songs again. On August 24, 2013, the Direct Energy Band will perform classic songs from Chicago and other great bands of the 60s, 70s, and 80s at the Grand Theatre in Frankfort. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. and all proceeds from the event will go towards supporting the Simon House programs and building fund. For the past twenty-six years, the Simon House has worked to reduce homelessness and provide hope for mothers and children in the Franklin County area.

Tickets

Tickets for the event go on sale Tuesday, July 16, and will be available exclusively from the Grand Theatre Box Office. Prices are \$25, \$35, and \$45. The Grand Theatre Ticket Office is located at 312 West Main Street and is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or call (502) 352-7469. Tickets also may be purchased online at <http://www.grandtheatrefrankfort.org/>.

Read more information about the Direct Energy Band on page 2.

Sponsorship

Supporters can help make this event beneficial to Simon House by contributing to defray the costs of the concert. Five sponsorship levels are available:

- "You're the Inspiration": \$2,500 and above.
- "Baby, What a Big Surprise": \$1,000—\$2,500.
- "Make Me Smile": \$500—\$999.
- "Call on Me": \$250—\$499.
- "Colour My World": Under \$250.

Several perks are offered for various levels of sponsors. If you can make a sponsorship contribution, please call Simon House at (502) 223-2138 for additional information.



Christmas Market Fundraiser for Simon House—December 7

Save the date! Saturday morning, December 7, 2013, Simon House will host a Christmas Market and brunch. There will be a silent auction with many items that will be just right for your holiday giving.

Plan to enjoy the food and fellowship as well as the sights and sounds of the Christmas season at this event.

We will provide further information about time, place, and other particulars in the next newsletter, on our website, and on Facebook. Stay tuned and plan to make this event one of your

most important Christmas shopping destinations! You will benefit and so will Simon House.

You can help Simon House further if you wish to donate items for the auction. If you make crafts or have new items, please contact Simon House at 502-223-2138.



From the Director's Desk

Pam McCalla



Dear Friends and Members of our Sidekick's Society:

I will be starting my fourth year at Simon House on July 26, 2013. Looking over the last three years, there have been changes in service, leadership, and the facility. You have helped 42 women and their 62 children during this period through your support of the Simon House. The number of community families we are able to help temporarily through "rough" times has grown. Our relationship with Salvation Army, Franklin County Women's Shelter, the Men's Shelter, the Sunshine Center, ROSM, the Health Department, the Food Stamp Office, Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky, Kentucky Housing Corporation, Kentucky State University, Kentucky Non-Profit Network, KY Works, NCOA, United Way, City of Frankfort, Frankfort City Police, Franklin County, and the Chamber of Commerce have been strengthened so that we may better serve the entire homeless and extremely low income population in our community and surrounding counties.

Our leadership on the Board has seen many changes as well. We have had some wonderful leadership over the years from former officers including Melissa Russell, Kyle Thompson, and our wonderful treasurer Bernie Smith. Additionally, we have received great input from former Board members Angela Bybee, Tim Ford, Lori Haddix, Trevor Hanson, Joe Hancock, Jennifer Hix, Karen Liebman, Dawn McDonald, and Karen Mucci. A recent strategic planning session for our current Board members has helped us move toward our vision of expanding services and improving our facility. Our "Dream Team" is working overtime as we endeavor to find a larger, more modern facility.

Although a new facility is in the works, our current facility is always in need of maintenance and upkeep. The United Way "Day of Caring" and "Go Frankfort" as well as many church groups, school groups, businesses, individuals, and our regular volunteers have helped tremendously in this overwhelming task. Painters on both the porch and interior of the house have been utilized. On the exterior, we have new soffits, a new ramp, new front steps, a vegetable garden, and a concrete pad for trash cans. New flooring in kitchens and bathrooms, new fixtures, a tub, a working door, and kitchen shelves are just some of the projects completed. An entire living unit was redone as an Eagle Boy Scout project. So many women and children move in and out that we are constantly needing to renovate something. Too many people to name have had their hand in helping us! Once we replace the furnaces and carpeting in the house, and paint the exterior (projects for which we presently are seeking funding), we can start over!

I don't know how to say thank you enough to all the people who have had a hand in help those we support. From the tiniest newborn to the grandmother who finds herself suddenly with young children to care for, we appreciate the donations, the gifts, the sponsors and attendance at fundraisers, and particularly the compassion for those trying to make a stable life for their family in the midst of their personal crises.

Direct Energy Band

Direct Energy has a solid rock foundation fused with the sharp, driving power of a horn section. From the very first downbeat, Direct Energy will take you back in time. The band's instrumentation of guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, a four piece horn section and a lead singer leaves nothing out. Direct Energy recaptures the music of Chicago and many other groups.

Formed in 2000, Direct Energy, from Columbus, Ohio, was originally born out of a group of experienced working musicians' desires to play music they were never able to play in other bands — hit songs that make memories.

At first glance you see the horn section, but you soon come to realize it's not just that Direct Energy has a horn section, it's their approach to the music itself that

distinguishes them from other bands.

"We've always stayed fairly true to the original artist," comments drummer Jan Byer. "Even though, like any group of musicians, we add our own touch or feel to a song, audiences still tell us that we sound 'just like the original'."

Come and hear Vernon Leland Curren on guitar, Ron Ekker on bass, Jan Byer on drums and the soulful voice of Dan Compton supported by the horn section of Dave Miller and Mike Lee on trumpet and Todd Thornton on sax.



Where's Margaritaville?

You may wonder what has become of *A Night in Margaritaville*, our usual yearly fundraising party which was scheduled to occur on August 24. Due to the popularity of the Direct Energy Band, and their busy schedule, we were only able to book the group for August 24. Therefore, we decided

to take a small break from Margaritaville. However, our intention is to re-launch our annual fundraising event in 2014.

Whether you have attended in the past or not, you'll want to watch for announcements of next year's event!

Join Us on Facebook

Simon House has a presence on Facebook at [Simon House of Kentucky](#). We invite you to go to this site and "like" us. This is the best way to



receive the latest news about Simon House. Often, there are opportunities to win prizes or funding through voting on facebook. We need your support when these occasions arise.

Also visit our website at www.simonhouseonline.org.

“It takes a whole village to raise a child” is a proverb often attributed to African or Native American Cultures. It is quoted frequently by philosophers, sociologists, educators, authors, politicians, and many others. Numerous agencies have incorporated this concept in their names or mission statements.

All of us want to live in a safe, prosperous community. To achieve the most desirable community qualities, the entire community needs to work together toward common goals. If any part of the community is not safe and prosperous, it affects the rest of the community.

Children are shaped by both the families and the communities in which they live. Today’s children are tomorrow’s teenagers and young adults whose behavior, abilities, and sense of obligation to their community will have a tremendous impact on the quality of life that everyone experiences. A community can shape the lives of its members significantly, and parents often need support from the community to raise healthy, responsible children who become productive community members.

Some parents and their children face greater challenges than others in their

Simon House depends on community support to help vulnerable families nurture their children. Your generosity is truly helping to raise children in this community! There are many ways that everyone in the community can contribute to meeting the needs of these families. A few are outlined here, but we welcome other types of involvement and support.



Join Simon’s Sidekicks. This is a Simon House support group that helps with special needs as they arise. If you would like to become a member, call Simon House.

Make financial contributions. Individual, business, and church donations are a significant part of our budget

With the growing needs of members of our community, your ongoing support is essential

Become a volunteer. Simon House depends on volunteers for many tasks including maintenance and cleaning, care of the grounds, clerical work, processing donations, transportation for residents, tutoring children and adults, and more. If you can provide volunteer services, please contact Director Pam McCalla.

It Takes A Village. . .

efforts to survive, and ultimately thrive, as contributing members of their communities. Research tells us that low income families are at greater risk of hunger; illnesses; educational lags; emotional, behavioral or social problems; having one or both parents in prison; and housing instability including frequent moves or homelessness.

The National Center on Family Homelessness reports that homeless mothers overwhelmingly have experienced physical or sexual assaults during their lives and many also have lived in foster care or other placements outside their families during childhood. Just over one-third of homeless mothers have experienced Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, a rate three times higher than for other women in the population. Homeless mothers also have ulcers at four times the rate of other women.

Further, according to the National Center on Family Homelessness, the results of

homelessness for children include:

- Being ill four times more often than other children.
- Four times the likelihood of having respiratory infections.



- Twice the probability of having ear infections.
- Five times higher chance of having gastrointestinal problems.
- Four times the likelihood of having asthma.
- Twice the chance of going

hungry while also being more likely to experience obesity because of nutritional deficiencies.

- Experiencing emotional and behavioral problems three times more often than other children.

More than 25 years ago, people in Franklin County recognized the hardships single women who were pregnant or had children face, and Simon House was started to serve the needs of these vulnerable community members. The agency has been in continuous operation since, relying greatly on the community for ongoing

support. During 2012, 20 families (20 mothers and 30 children) lived at Simon House. Unfortunately, for every family that was served in the residential program, three or four others who needed a place to live could not be served because no space was available.

In recent years, Simon House has been able to expand its mission and services thanks to generous community support. The program recognizes that many families may be able to avoid homelessness if they have crucial help at the time it is needed. Thus, Simon House helped 425 families in 2012 with food, diapers, cleaning supplies, clothing, personal care products, household items and other necessities. Almost all of these items were donated by individuals and community groups. Can you imagine having to make a choice between paying rent or feeding your children? Often, an unexpected car repair bill, illness of a family member, or another unforeseen event causes just such a dilemma. Simon House prevents homelessness in some cases by providing a safety net to meet essential needs when they arise. It also provides limited case management and referrals to these clients to help them make positive decisions about their futures.

You Make a Difference

Organize a fundraising event. Civic, church, school and other groups can organize fundraising events with proceeds benefitting Simon House. Sports

events (e.g., golf scrambles, walks, runs), food events (e.g., pancake breakfast, fish fry), and sales (e.g., cookbooks, jewelry, foods, or yard sales) yield profits that are very helpful to Simon House.

Use a Kroger Card. Anyone can obtain a Kroger card from Simon House, put money on it at Kroger using cash, check, or credit card, and use it to pay for all your shopping at Kroger including food, gas, and pharmacy purchases.



Simon House receives four percent of all money that is added to these special Kroger cards. Helping this way does not cost donors anything extra. Call Simon House to get a card.

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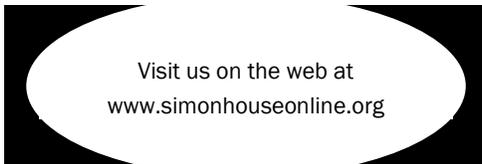
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Donate Gently Used Items. Simon House can use children's and women's clothing, household items (e.g., dishes, utensils, and decorative items), and some furniture. These items are passed on to residents and community clients. Please call Simon House ahead about donations of large items.

Collect and Donate Needed Supplies. Simon House clients need food, baby items, paper goods, cleaning supplies, personal care items, and much more. If your group wants to collect and donate supplies, please call Simon House to get a list of greatest current needs.

Donate Points and Other Perks. If you are receiving rewards from a credit card, frequent flyer program, gas company, or other similar entity – and you are not using these perks – consider donating them to Simon House. Sometimes these can be converted into cash, or points can be used for purchases that benefit Simon House. Call Director Pam McCalla if you would like to make this kind of donation.

Shop at Other Companies that Give Rebates. Gifts that Give is an online shopping opportunity that gives 20% of the value of each purchase to Simon House. For more information see our website at <http://www.simonhouseonline.org/Donations.htm>. Another option is Goodshop.com which offers coupons, coupon codes, exclusive deals and discounts while supporting Simon House. Go to <http://gdsr.ch> to sign up and start helping Simon House.

Make a Planned Gift to Simon House in Your Will. Consider including Simon House in your final plans, such as donating a cash amount, percentage of your estate, residue of your estate after other obligations are met, or stocks, bonds, and other property. These provide a legacy of your concern to help those in need.

If you have other ideas for helping Simon House, please contact Director Pam McCalla.

Individuals, churches, businesses and community organizations have been extremely generous to Simon House. Your gifts are deeply appreciated and wisely used to help women and children face the challenges of homelessness. Gifts were received from February 13, 2013 through June 15, 2013 from the following:

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #34
B. P. O. Elks Lodge No. 530
V. Barr
Kathleen Black
Bridgeport Christian Church
Yolanda Bright
Robert Bullock
Gene & Mary Ann Burch
Joseph & Mary Ann Burgess
Morris Burton
Capital City Christian Church

Mother's Day Gifts

Many friends of Simon House made donations in honor or in memory of their mothers for Mother's Day. Contributions were received from:

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Charles & Betty Allen
Douglas & Jeanne Baldwin
Tracy C. Barnes
Roger & Carolyn Blair
Robert Boden
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Thanks for Your Generosity

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Women's Club of Frankfort
Woodforest Bank

See the list of those honored or remembered on Mother's Day at www.simonhouseonline.org/Special_Events.

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