

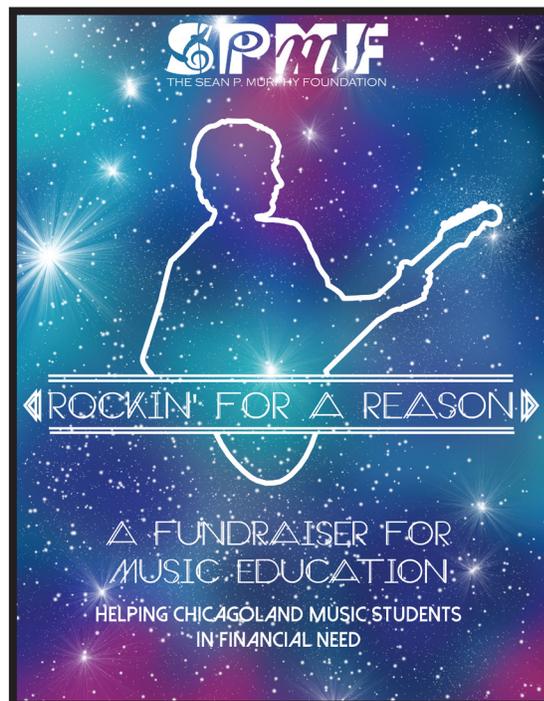


ROCKIN' FOR A REASON

The Sean P. Murphy Foundation is excited to announce our next fundraising event, Rockin' For A Reason. It is our hope that the proceeds raised at this year's event will allow us to sponsor more students in the future, as well as help with our latest endeavor, The Sean P. Murphy Foundation Lewis University Scholarship. We are currently working with Lewis University to create a perpetual scholarship in Sean's name at the college which will be awarded to one qualified Lewis student each year. We are excited to be expanding our financial assistance to college students.

Rockin' For A Reason, our biggest event since our Strike A Chord bowling event in 2014, will be held at 115 Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park on Sunday September 11th. Live music will be performed by The Connexion Band, a nine-piece band from the Chicagoland area. You can learn more about them and hear them at connexionband.com.

In addition to live music, there will also be raffle baskets, silent auction items, and Split-the-Pot raffles. Tickets include a buffet, which will be available from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, draft beer, wine, and soda. Tickets purchased early on our website will also include a raffle ticket for a flat-screen TV. Pre-sale tickets are available at seanpmurphyfoundation.com for only \$35. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door for \$40. We are excited to see you there!



ROCKIN' FOR A REASON
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
3:00PM - 7:00PM

115 BOURBON STREET
3359 WEST 115TH STREET
MERRIONETTE PARK, IL

FEATURING
THE CONNEXION BAND

PRE - SALE TICKETS: \$35
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EVENT SPONSORS WANTED

We are looking for sponsors of the Rockin' For A Reason fundraising event which will be attended by hundreds of family, friends, and local residents. 115 Bourbon Street is a favorite hangout for Southsiders. As a sponsor, your business will gain exposure and you will be recognized as being supportive of local efforts and helping children and their families. Sponsorship levels range from \$250 - \$1,500.

Please contact Tim Murphy or Karen Kick for details at info@seanpmurphyfoundation.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SPMF is looking for volunteers for our Rockin' For A Reason fundraising event. We need volunteers to help promote the event and to help with operations at the event itself. Volunteer jobs include:

- check-in/registration
- ticket sales
- security
- money counters
- clean up
- special raffles (silent auction, split the pot)
- merchandise vendors
- social media promotion

To volunteer, please contact Karen Kick at info@seanpmurphyfoundation.com or Leah Murphy at thespmfmarketing@gmail.com

RAFFLE BASKETS AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Everyone knows raffles and auctions are part of the fun at fundraising events. Some people attend fundraisers just for the thrill of winning baskets! We are again seeking donations for things such as: spa/hair products, gift certificates, sporting items/tickets, small appliances, electronics, gaming items, vacations/getaways, food and drink, pet items, family/child items, services your business offers, etc.

Please contact any of our board members if you have an item you can donate; we will pick up for your convenience!

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE HERMAN LUSTIGMAN FOUNDATION

Susan Harjung, board member of the Herman Lustigman Foundation, presented SPMF President Karen Kick with a donation in October 2015. The Herman Lustigman Foundation is a local charity that helps support smaller non-profits who share similar focus -- arts, culture, and education. The Sean P. Murphy Foundation would like to extend its sincere gratitude to the Herman Lustigman Foundation for recognizing our work and for their very generous donation.

MEET OUR STUDENTS: SOPHIA JABLONSKI

Back in 2014, when The Sean P. Murphy Foundation was first starting out, we sponsored two sisters, Sophia and Stephanie Jablonski, who found comfort in music after many challenges. The girls lost their father one year earlier to cancer. "My dad passed away a year ago and he loved music... I hope my continuing to play music and sing is carrying on his love of music," Sophia told us in 2014. Sophia, 16, was born with Cerebral Palsy, and uses music to help her feel better, both emotionally and physically. "Music helps me express my feelings in a more calming way. It also helps to relax my CP muscle tone."

For the past two years, The Sean P. Murphy Foundation has sponsored Sophia's and Stephanie's music lessons at House of Music in Orland Park. The girls are enrolled in Rock Band, voice, and instrument lessons. We checked in with Sophia to hear how she has developed musically over the past two years, and how she hopes to grow in the future.

Sophia was interested in music since she was a little girl. She would sing for her family, sang in a choir in grade school, and played the bass drum in middle school. Today, Sophia sings, plays drums, and has started playing piano, a longtime goal of hers. "Out of all I have accomplished, the keyboard is my dream instrument. When I was younger people used to say I had piano fin-

gers and now I actually play the piano." She has finished beginner-level piano lessons and is excited to move on to the next level.

Sophia and Stephanie have had many opportunities to showcase their talents with their band Robotic Rock. House of Music offers many chances for their students to get on stage and perform in front of crowds.

Playing music for people is one of Sophia's greatest joys. "It makes me feel very relaxed, and I can express my emotions creatively and makes me feel more in control physically. I also feel it is a way to show that people with disabilities, given the opportunity, can produce talent like anyone else... Thank you to the House of Music teachers for all their help and patience with me."



The Sean P. Murphy Foundation continues to support Sophia and Stephanie as they continue on their musical journey. We

are very excited to see these girls continue to grow. "They were able to sponsor all lessons for me and my sister at this time when my mom could not afford to pay for us, which made a big difference in our musical growth," says Sophia. "This program has allowed me to be more confident in my abilities as a person and I hope to be able to learn more, and continue our lessons. Without SPMF, we would not be doing these lessons due to the financial hardship my mom has experienced. Thank you so much to SPMF."



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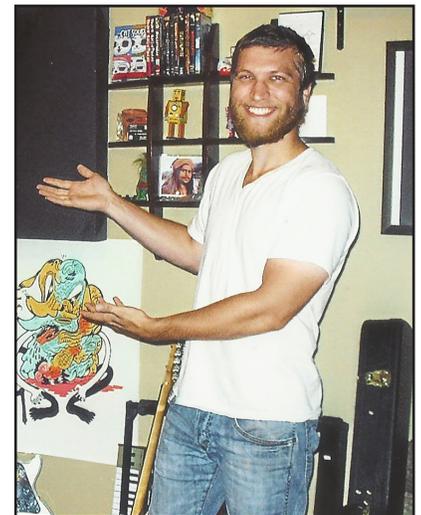
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Sean P. Murphy was a unique, brilliant, and talented young man, who graciously gave of himself while asking very little in return. He was popular, witty, and as some have said, an old soul. He smiled for the world, gave endlessly to others, owned forty different instruments and mastered most of them either through lessons or learning on his own.

Sean was in bands, but the spotlight wasn't where he wanted to be. He shifted his focus from band member to music production. He would continue playing instruments, but he found his passion in the engineering and production of music extremely rewarding. He was the founder of Giant Robot Studios, where he created, mixed, edited, and mastered music for bands of all levels. Some band members have said Sean made them sound better than they really were -- he was that good! Sean also recorded with some bigger bands, and we all wondered where his career would take him. We all saw success ahead for him.

Sean's life ended much too early at the young age of 23. He lived a life true to his values and beliefs and was truly an inspiration to all who knew him. Continuing Sean's legacy of generosity and passion for music is important to us. In March 2014, two years since his death, we proudly announced the Sean P. Murphy Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to help families that have difficulty in continuing their children's music lessons due to a financial hardship.

Our vision is to give young people an outlet of expression and help build self esteem and worth so they may navigate through life's tough times successfully. We strive to change lives through music.



Exciting announcements inside! Our 2016 Event and more!

Learn about our student Sophia Jablonski on page 3!