

Shenandoah Fairgrounds To Host Homeless Benefit Concert Saturday

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An Edinburg-based Christian organization and the Shenandoah County Fair have joined forces for a one-night-only event in the name of homeless relief.

The Shenandoah Valley Coalition for Christ and the county fair will hold "An Evening of Worship With Third Day" on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the county fairgrounds in Woodstock.

SVCC Executive Director Sharon Hollar said the network of local nonprofits, churches, residents and businesses has held similar concerts for the last 10 years, including one in 2014 with another popular Christian band that the group hopes to top Saturday.

"We had 2,000 show up for The Newsboys," she said. "We're hoping for

3,000 people this year."

Third Day is a Christian rock band that has released 12 studio albums since 1996. It is known for its current hit "Soul On Fire," as well as the songs "I Need a Miracle" and "Your Love is Like a River."

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Hollar said proceeds from the show will go to the SVCC's Rapid Response Homelessness and Hunger Team, which provides immediate help to area residents who need temporary shelter and food.

She described a recent case during which the network helped a family that had been kicked out of its home.

"A landlord sold a house and told the family they had 24 hours to get out," she said. "They only needed help for two days. We got them a hotel room for two nights and sent them to a food pantry for groceries. In 25 minutes we got them a place to stay and

food to eat."

Hollar said the goal is to raise \$15,000 during the concert.

She praised the assistance of the county fair and SVCC volunteers in putting on the concert.

"It's by the grace of God and people's hearts that we've been able to do what we've been doing for the last 10 years," she said.

Tickets for the concert cost \$30 for standing room only, \$35 for grandstand seating, \$45 for track seating and \$50 for premium grandstand seats. Hollar said ticket prices will rise \$10 each the day of the concert.

For more information about the concert, visit www.svcc4u.com. To purchase tickets, visit the Shenandoah County Fair's website at www.shencofair.com.

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