

Local Fundraiser in support of “A Beat of Life - A benefit for Brother Judah”

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Judah Kirk Williams, more affectionately known as Brother Judah, has made an impact on the lives of children and families over the last decade through his time in Martin County, and this Saturday, June 19, the community can give back to him through two fundraiser events supporting his ongoing surgery.

PALM CITY — The beat of a drum can be a beautiful thing, but the beat of life will always be a thing to marvel at. Every Sunday at Shepard Park, the Drum Circle comes together to drum, sing and dance and participate in any way they can to create something artistic and special. But on Saturday, June 19, most of these same people, along with a crowd of families, children and other Martin County residents, will come together to create a special day for one man, Judah Kirk Williams, known affectionately as Brother Judah.

Moving to Martin County in 2000, Brother Judah has made an impact on the lives of children and families over the last decade through his time spent at Bridge's Montessori School, Martin County Parks and Recreation department, the Boys and Girls Clubs and the Martin County School District, teaching music and multicultural education. “His impact goes well beyond music instruction,” said Mat Churchey, Senior Area Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Martin County. “He is a positive role model and mentor for countless children in the community.”

Diagnosed with cancer in the beginning of 2010, Brother Judah has fought his battle to date with holistic treatments, and is currently undergoing treatment to remove the tumor. To support him both emotionally and financially in this journey, please join the community in a fundraiser at the John F. Armstrong Wing at the Blake Library from 1 - 4 p.m. on Saturday June 19.

A local Treasure Coast band, Manuka Honey, will kick off the tribute followed by children's performances, professional belly dancing and a healing drum circle to end the event. Raffles, auctions, games, food, fun and other live performances will make the day complete as we rally together for A Beat of Life, a benefit for Brother Judah.

After the family event during the day, there will be a second fundraising event hosted at the Element Martini & Hookah Lounge from 8-11 p.m. A variety of live musical talent, including The Musitalia Band of South Florida, DJ's and a live auction by KC Daniel will provide some of the entertainment for the evening. Jo'Ah Dance Artistry will also be performing thrilling fire-eating and exotic belly dancing acts.

Some of the businesses who are donating to the auctions of either event include Osceola Street Cafe, StarStruck Performing Arts Center, Steven Martine Photography, Island Touch Massage, Bamboo Groove and Laura Daniel Photography. In addition to donations, businesses contributing their time and efforts include Element Martini & Hookah Lounge, The Firefly Group, FullHouse Entertainment, Martin County Library System, Martin County Parks and Recreation and Tara Biek Creative.

For more information, or ways that you can contribute to the Beat of Life event or directly to Brother Judah, contact Deborah Silver at deborah@deborahsilverphotography.com.

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