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Club Phred to play benefit concerts

The Newark-based classic rock 'n' roll band Club Phred will be putting on a series of shows to raise funds for various charity organizations over the next few months.



The shows will be on Monday nights, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Shaggys on Main at 45 E. Main Street in Newark. Those organizations that will benefit include the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes and the Delaware HIV Consortium.

Club Phred, made up of Keith Ayars, keyboardist Fred Dawson, vocalist Kathy Layfield, drummer A.J. Malme, guitarist Mark Sisk, bassist Brian Daring and saxophonist Gaetano Vinceguerra, has raised more than \$400,000 for charities over the last three years.

The idea to play regular charity shows came to member Fred Dawson a few months ago. "The members of Club Phred think that there is an audience out there for classic rock 'n' roll. Club Phred wants to play a regular venue, as our followers want to see repeat performances of that genre of music. CP also wants to do fund raisers for worthy causes," he said.

Shaggy's owner Joe Van Horn agreed to provide the venue space. Club Phred will split all cover charge proceeds with the various organizations. Cover will be \$2 for students, \$10 for adults.

"This is a simple way for many folks to support their favorite charity, have a great time, and an easy way for the charity to make money," said Dawson.

Upcoming performances are as follows:

- March 26, to benefit the American Cancer Society
- April 2, to benefit the Autism Society of Delaware
- April 16, to benefit the Wellness Community
- April 23, to benefit the Delaware HIV Consortium
- May 7, to benefit the March of Dimes
- May 14, to benefit the American Cancer Society
- June 11, to benefit the March of Dimes
- June 25, to benefit the Delaware HIV Consortium

For more information, visit www.clubphred.com .