

Books 'n Blues

GREENWOOD MISSISSIPPI

October 1, 2005

Hosted by:



Also sponsored by:

Blue Parrot Restaurant
Blues Heritage Museum
Dancing Rabbit Books

Events:

- **9 a.m. - noon -- Writing workshop.**
Held at Leflore County Board of Education Central Office
- **1 p.m. - 3 p.m. -- Internet Workshop (blogs, web page creation).**
Held at Leflore County Board of Education Central Office
- **6 p.m. - 9 p.m. -- Main Event including the Silent Auction, book signings, live Blues)**
Held at Viking Range's Corporate Headquarters and Training Center. Authors, musicians and attendees schmooze, mingle and bid on superb auction lots
- **9 p.m. - Until -- Blues Benefit Performances.**
Various private venues,

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Fundraising Activities Expand

50% of October Event Proceeds to Benefit Hurricane
Other Activities Added

[Learn More Details](#)

Books 'n Blues: Having Fun, Doing

The Books 'n Blues festival of music and words brings writers and other artists and interested people together in Mississippi. The funds for successful and effective non-profit organizations have demonstrated a proven record of helping people who need a "hand up" not a "hand out."

Origins of Books 'n Blues

The events began as an idea to have one benefit book signing author for one organization in one place.

But it quickly became clear that many authors could raise money. Blues entered the picture because so many of the interested authors had worked that unique musical form which began in Mississippi Delta.

As the event organization began to move forward in the South, it became clear that Books 'n Blues could play a role in helping organizations around the state serve their clients better by providing a new source of income beyond traditional fundraising activities, grants and continual solicitations.

Beneficiary of the 2005 Inaugural Books 'n Blues Events

around town. 100% of cover charge donated to BnB

Event Beneficiary
Communities in Schools of Greenwood-Leflore

WHO IS BOOKS 'N BLUES?

Meet The Volunteers

AUTHORS

Invitations will go out soon, but the events are open to any author willing to sign books and donate their royalties on those books to the event recipients.

If you are interested, please contact Donna Warner or Lewis Perdue.

ABOUT BOOKS 'N BLUES

Where did the idea come from?

Communities in Schools of Greenwood-Leflore (CIS) is school programs with rigorous, challenging, skills-based and high risk youth in alternative schools, adolescent offender training schools throughout Mississippi.

Recent CIS Awards

- The Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education chose C Distinguished Community Arts Organization
- The Mississippi Humanities Council honored CIS at Whittington with the 2004 Annual Award for Leaders developing cultural plans for towns in the Delta

Why This New Idea?

A new source is needed because the same limited number Mississippi continually get asked to contribute to worthy causes there may be no limits to their depth of good will, the reality is a limit to the depth of people's pockets. Rather than compete for a slice of the existing charity pie, Books 'n Blues intends to bake a new pie.

Books 'n Blues is seed-funded by a Mississippi Delta native author who lives in California's wine country where people freely for entertainment that has a charitable beneficiary.

As just one example, a 300-student school in Sonoma received more than \$100,000 in April 2005 with a wine and food reception and live auction, music and dinner. The intent of Books 'n Blues is an entertainment benefit event, open to people of all means to Mississippi tastes, culture and lifestyle.

What Can You Do?

Participate – If you're a writer or blues musician; if you see a restaurant or club in the venue areas; if you want to volunteer on organizing committees; if you have items you'd like to donate to an auction – then please contact us.

Attend – Please attend the events, bid on the silent auction, show your support and have fun.

Contribute Online Right Now – You can contribute directly to Communities in Schools of Greenwood-Leflore.

WRITERS

If you can't make it to Greenwood, then get involved
with Katrina relief through the

Writers' Day of Action

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Books 'n Blues Joins the Katrina Recovery Effort: Fundraising Activities Expanded 50% of October Event Proceeds to Benefit Hurricane Victims

GREENWOOD, MS -- While water, food and other aid is flowing to the Katrina disaster area, the education of school-aged victims is looming as a crisis for them and the school districts which have accepted them.

While Communities in Schools of Greenwood-Leflore began in the Mississippi Delta, it provides services around the state including programs in the counties of Bolivar, Grenada, Washington, Leflore, Tallahatchie, Forrest, Hinds and along the Katrina-ravaged Gulf Coast: Harrison, Hancock, and Jackson counties

Throughout the area, schools are devastated, books and supplies have vanished. The generosity of school districts in unaffected areas will be stretched to the limit for months to come. For those reasons, we will support the educational; casualties of Katrina in the following ways:

Short-term assistance will include:

- Fifty percent of the proceeds from the Oct. 1, 2005 Books 'n Blues events in Greenwood Mississippi will go to Katrina victims.
- Providing funds to support displaced students who need to buy school supplies, textbooks and other assistance.
- Providing funds and assistance to make sure that displaced students can comply with the vaccination requirements of their host school districts.
- Coordinating efforts to make sure that displaced students have desks, computers and other items needed to continue their studies both in school and for home.
- Coordinating efforts to provide after school homework study facilities for students in

shelters.

- Helping provide books and other educational enrichment.

Long-term assistance will include:

- Helping rebuild school libraries
- Connecting Katrina-affected schools with partner schools in other areas of the country through the Schools2schools "buddy" program. More about this program at: www.schools2schools.org.
- Providing assistance and training for affected schools to enable them to create and operate their own ongoing fundraising efforts.

Fundraising Activities Expanded

In addition to Books 'n Blues, Communities in Schools of Greenwood-Leflore will be assisted in its fundraising activities by:

Communities in Schools of Washington State and Writer's Day of Action.

Communities in Schools is a nationwide network of locally administered programs dedicated to matching educational resources to needs. We are grateful that CIS-Washington State has volunteered to raise money in its participating schools. Those funds will be distributed to CIS of Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana. One hundred percent of those funds will go for Katrina relief.

In addition, Washington State author Clyde Ford in collaboration with Books 'n Blues founder Lewis Perdue, has created a program called A Writer's Day of Action which will unite writers across the nation in a series of readings, signings and other activities to raise money for the Books 'n Blues / CIS Katrina relief efforts. All of the money raised from these events will go for Katrina relief. More about these activities at: www.writeaction.org.

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Communities in Schools of Greenwood Leflore

About Us



SUPPORT CIS

Attend

Books 'n Blues

Oct. 1, 2005 in
Greenwood,
Mississippi

Buy your tickets now. Donate an item for the silent auction. Sign your books. Play some blues. Volunteer.

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Academic excellence through the arts to create a lasting positive impact for adjudicated and high-risk youth, alternative schools, adolescent offender programs and other court-mandated settings in Mississippi.

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COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF GREENWOOD LEFLORE, IN
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St. Francis raises \$100K in auction

St. Francis Solano School's community, family and friends raised over \$100,000 for the school after they set sail for Treasure Island on Saturday, April 16, for the 13th annual auction. Cline Cellars – make that X – marked the spot for the event, which transformed the winery into a pirates' haven with most of the 350-plus attendees dressed in costume. The silent auction kept guests scurrying about trying to outbid one another for the beautiful treasures offered. Auctioneer "Captain Hook," aka Ed Vaughn and emcee "First Mate Smee," aka Gary DeSmet, presented the fast and furious live auction. Packages included a

trip to New York City, Spain, tour of Google, Russell Racing, a gourmet dinner prepared and served by the second- and third-grade teachers at Roche Winery and vibrant student art projects. The Parents' Club received support from many – including platinum sponsor Kevin O'Neill and Esposti Chevrolet, and all those who attended the event.

The beautiful red truck that was raffled off went to ticket holder Mac Madsen, a United States Marine serving in Iraq near the Syrian border. Brian Finn, the father of a second-grader at St. Francis, purchased the winning ticket for Madsen.



October 2005

To Benefit:

Communities
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HOW DID BOOKS 'N BLUES START?

"Books 'n Blues" was started by *New York Times* bestselling author Lewis Perdue who decided to give something back to his home state and to America's armed forces.

"Books 'n Blues," began when Perdue decided to tithe 5% of the royalties from *Perfect Killer* to County Sunflower County Freedom Project, 5% to The Mississippi Center for Justice and 5% to Military Family Association. Click here to learn more about how the idea developed.



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Greenwood, MS 38935

Basic Information

This organization is req
 IRS Form 990 or 990-Ez

EIN: 64-
 Fiscal Year: 20-
 Assets: \$1-
 Income: \$4-
 Ruling Year: 19-

Board of Directors

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Mission and Programs

Mission

SCHOOL DROPOUT PREVENTION

Programs

COORDINATING EXISTING SOCIAL, HEALTH, AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND DELIVERING THEM TO AT-RISK YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REDUCE PUBLIC SCHOOL DROPOUT

Program / Activities (NTEE Code)

Educational Services and Schools - Other

Financial Data

From the organization's FORM 990

Revenue and Expenses: Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003

Revenue		Expenses	
Contributions	\$53,001	Program Services	\$299,688
Government Grants	\$292,722	Administration	\$67,564
Program Services	\$0	Other	\$1,000
Investments	\$8,641	Total Expenditures	\$368,252
Special Events	\$0		
Sales	\$0		
Other	\$0		
Total Revenue	\$354,364	NET GAIN/LOSS	\$(13,888)

Balance Sheet: Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003

Notes

The balance sheet gives a snapshot of the financial health of an organization at a particular point in time. An organization's total assets should generally exceed its total liabilities, or it cannot long survive, but the

types of assets and liabilities also must be considered. For instance, an organization's current assets (cash, receivables, securities, etc.) should be sufficient to cover its current liabilities (payables, deferred revenue, current year loan and note payments). Otherwise, the organization may face solvency problems. On the other hand, an organization whose cash and equivalents greatly exceed its current liabilities might not be putting its money to best use.

Assets	Jul 1, 2002	Jun 30, 2003	Change
Cash & Equivalent	\$58,042	\$37,966	\$(20,076)
Accounts Receivable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pledges & Grants Receivable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Receivables/Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inventories for Sale or Use	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investments/Securities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investments/Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$14,874	\$142,691	\$127,817
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Assets	\$72,916	\$180,657	\$107,741
Liabilities	Jul 1, 2002	Jun 30, 2003	Change
Accounts Payable	\$1,001	\$5,158	\$4,157
Grants Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Deferred Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Loans and Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tax-Exempt Bond Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$117,472	\$117,472
Total Liabilities	\$1,001	\$122,630	\$121,629
FUND BALANCE	\$71,915	\$58,027	\$(13,888)

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