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Grammy Nominee Zak Morgan Schedules Stop for Burn Patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 – Grammy nominated children's performer Zak Morgan has just announced he will be giving patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Cincinnati something to smile about. Morgan will be performing a private concert for Shriners patients, their families and staff on Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30 pm in the Shriners Hospital atrium. The concert will be free of charge.

Morgan, who typically performs for sold-out audiences, is donating his performance for the evening. "Having grown up in Cincinnati, I am very aware of the amazing generosity and healing that happens at Shriners Hospitals for Children and it will be a privilege to visit and meet the children and staff," says Morgan. "The courage and resilience of children and the kindness and selflessness of those who make it their life's work to help them heal is inspirational. We're going to have lots of fun."

The event is being sponsored by Cincinnati Cares, an organization dedicated to providing funds and support for children with burn injuries.

Kenwood resident Kate Brauer-Bell formed Cincinnati Cares last year after being moved by the story of a ten-year-old boy who was burned last year when his Florida home was destroyed by a plane crash. When Brauer-Bell told Morgan about the young boy's tragedy last summer, it touched his heart. He asked his mother, Carol Morgan of Anderson Township, to stop by Shriners Hospital with some of his CDs and DVDs for the young boy.

Brauer-Bell says bringing Morgan to Shriners for a concert this summer was a natural fit. "Zak Morgan's music focuses on the power of the imagination and the ability of the individual to rise above challenges, and nothing is more appropriate to the children of Shriners than that."

Zak Morgan released his first DVD, "Zakland," with Porchlight Entertainment in 2008. His second children's CD, "When Bullfrogs Croak," was nominated for a Grammy award in 2006. Morgan tours the country performing for packed audiences nationwide.

Brauer-Bell says we can expect to see more of these events from Cincinnati Cares in the future. The organization will be hosting a benefit concert for Shriners Hospital later this fall at Jasper's in Mt. Lookout, sponsored by the Xerox Corporation. The benefit, which is scheduled for November 1, will feature performances from live bands, professional comedic actor Mike Ward as emcee, and an appearance by the Ben-Gals. Says Brauer-Bell, "We're hoping to establish a caring presence in Cincinnati to make sure the kids and families who come here for burn care know they are not alone."

Teri Horne, who works at FifthThird Bank and serves as an officer on the Cincinnati Cares board of directors, echoes the sentiment: "We need to learn as a community to help these kids feel good about themselves and to accept them as they are."

For additional information about the Zak Morgan concert, becoming involved with Cincinnati Cares, or about Shriners Hospitals for Children, contact Louise Hoelker at 513-872-6059 or email lhoelker@shrinenet.org. To learn more about Zak Morgan's music and DVDs, or to view tour dates, visit his website at www.zakland.com.