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“GOT SOUL?”

Charity Partners of Austin Announces Spring Fundraiser, Benefiting Odyssey School

(Austin, Texas) Charity Partners of Austin (CPA), a local philanthropy group, announces its spring fundraiser, **“Got Soul?”**, featuring the prolific hit-making band, **Collective Soul**. The event will be held on April 22nd at The Glenn at the Backyard (13101 HWY 71 West). Proceeds from the event will benefit **Odyssey School**, a nonprofit school for kids with learning differences.

Also supporting the event will be the **Austin Music Foundation (AMF)**, Austin’s nonprofit organization with a singular mission: to unite, ignite and revolutionize our local music community. **Kissinger**, one of AMF’s 2006 Incubator program bands, will open the show, and **Wendy Colonna** will also perform in a special VIP pre-party.

Ticket prices range from \$35-\$100 and go on sale March 1, 2006. VIP tickets (\$100) will include private pre- and post-parties, complimentary food and beverages, and an auction of great prizes. They are available through the **CPA** website at www.charitypartnersofaustin.org. General admission tickets (\$35) are available through Gettix and www.gettix.net.

“We’re very excited by this event,” said Nancy Wolf, Head of School at **Odyssey School**. “This will be our biggest fundraiser of the year, and it is very important to our ongoing mission of helping our really bright kids with learning differences.” Along with the event, Odyssey is conducting a raffle for an incredible, fully restored 1962 Thunderbird. Raffle tickets may be purchased online through the Odyssey School website.

“**AMF** is pleased to be involved in this event,” said Nikki Rowling, Executive Director. “We really appreciate **Charity Partners of Austin** providing opportunities for our local bands to be involved in a high-visibility event with a major headliner like Collective Soul. This is so important in helping these bands reach the next level of exposure and success.”

The event will be the finale of CPA’s inaugural 2005-2006 fundraising season. “We set a goal to raise \$100,000 in our first year and we’ve already reached that,” said Kevin Kettler, CPA co-founder. “We appreciate the success and support from the community we’ve enjoyed so far, and we’re ready to crank it up several notches in our second season. Be sure you get on our mailing list and stay tuned for more!”

Ticket Information (On Sale 3/1/06)

VIP Tickets (\$100) are available at www.charitypartnersofaustin.org and include:

- A private pre-party and post-party

- Complimentary food and beverages
- Fundraising/auctions at the pre-party
- Entertainment by Wendy Colonna, and an appearance by Collective Soul band members

General Admission Tickets (\$35) are available in advance at @ 1-866-4-GETTIX and www.gettix.net. Ticket prices will increase to \$40 on the day of the show.

For more information, visit:

www.charitypartnersofaustin.org

www.odysseyschool.com

www.austinmusicfoundation.org

www.collectivesoul.com

About Charity Partners of Austin

Charity Partners of Austin is a local philanthropy group that produces music and artistic events, and donates all proceeds to local nonprofits that provide support for kids, families, and appreciation of the arts. CPA has raised and distributed over \$100,000 so far in its 2005-2006 season, which ends with the Spring event. Major events this season included "Live 2005, For the Kids," featuring Irma Thomas at Antones, that raised \$50,000; the "Austin Cares" hurricane relief benefit at the Paramount Theatre that included an all-star Austin lineup of Jerry Jeff Walker, Jimmy LaFave, Ray Benson, and many others, and raised \$45,000; and its "Send a Kid to the Theatre" initiative that raised \$5,400 and sent hundreds of kids to "A Christmas Carol" at the State Theatre for free. Proceeds from these events have gone to local nonprofits and the Austin community. For more information on Charity Partners of Austin, visit our website at www.charitypartnersofaustin.org