

# Country singer to bring gift of song, guitar

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A Nashville artist will visit Shelbyville soon to help out women and children in the Operation Care shelter.

Country singer/songwriter Steven Cade will entertain Shelbyville fans next weekend, and while in town, he will visit families in crisis at Operation Care's women and children shelter, leaving behind hope. After all, Cade understands homelessness.

### Hope

Cade said he feels blessed with his talent and success and want others to know they can rise up.

"I hope to inspire residents at shelters to know homelessness is not the end of their story. It's a chapter, season in life, but there is a bigger picture. Struggles can

become triumphs and victories," he said.

Cade also hopes to inspire other musicians, actors, athletes, businesses and others to give from the heart. "It's great to give money, but to give time and energy and talents is even more precious. It returns tenfold. I've always liked the saying that you're not living unless you're giving."

### Homeless

Cade understands homelessness. His family decided to take a leap of faith and move to Nashville to kick-start his music career, but had nowhere to stay, homeless for a time. "We're not there anymore, thank God, but we're familiar with standing in food bank lines, not knowing where we could lay our head at night and couch surfing," Cade said.

And because he understands, he wants to give back to the homeless community as much

as possible. "I'm passionate about people in need, lacking resources, especially families."

So, Cade found a new purpose with support of a philanthropist, author and investor Ben Yates and his foundation, The Gravity of Up, and will keep giving back.

### Giving Guitars

Cade is on a mission – the Giving Guitars Tour – to visit homeless shelters across the country, share positive music, leave behind a guitar and speak from the heart about his own homelessness.

Cade will perform at Talon Winery on Gordon Lane in Shelbyville on July 16, but before his gig he will stop by the shelter, for a mini concert and presentation to families. Cade may also perform at Stargazer Plaza for the public, although that couldn't be confirmed by press time. Elmer Bullock of WXLN radio in Shelbyville will attend the event to broadcast live, said Jennifer Decker, executive director of Operation Care and state representative for Shelby.

A guitar, Cade said, is more than a musical instrument. It is hope.

### Blessed

Holding an instrument is a way to cope, an extension of what is and may be. "I've been blessed, working on my career for many years," he said. "A guitar is a powerful instrument for people to hold in their hands. It de-stresses, and there is power in music. Bringing an instrument to people in shelters really suffering a traumatic loss in their life, which homelessness is, helps them relax, and if they learn the instrument, they can bless others, turn around and help the next one in line."

Cade is a California Music Hall of Fame inductee and tours nationally with Blake Shelton, Carrie Underwood, Eric Church, Frankie Ballard, Billy Currington, Darius Rucker, Shania Twain, Gavin DeGraw and many others.

### Kentucky

Cade plans to debut a song he wrote this week, "I Love Kentucky" right here in the Bluegrass.

"I'm so excited he is coming," Decker said. "After he called, I listened to his music. I'm uplifted

by every song. They are positive messages about life, family, hard times and celebrations of good in the world.

"It's a gracious gesture by him. His work so closely matches our mission and message," Decker said. "His message aligns with what we try to instill in shelter residents. No matter where you are, life can be as bright as you make it."

He first visited the commonwealth two or three years ago and was impressed. "There were signs everywhere with scriptures," he said. "I lived in San Diego part of my life. It was beautiful, but not very God-centered. Kentucky just blew me away. It was so welcoming."

### Shelters

Cade researches shelters and has visited 52 in the U. S. so far. He's been to the Bowling Green Salvation Army, Salvation Army in Louisville and Arbor Youth Services in Lexington. "I want to raise awareness for these organizations. He started the Giving Guitars Tour in October 2021. First stop, Austin, Texas because he is originally from Houston.



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Steven Cade, fifth on left, presents a guitar to the Salvation Army as part of his Giving Guitars Tour. Cade will be in Shelbyville July 16 to visit the women's and children's shelter at Operation Care.