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Through his music, he wants to bring "joy and hope" into the lives of men, women and children who need it most, Cade said. "I'm always about using music to help people feel something. I want to use it as a tool to give back. We want to make a real difference in people's lives through the use of our music."

Cade said in a telephone interview after arriving in Arizona, where he will perform at shelters in various cities across the state. Cade said he considers this tour a piece of what for him as been an "amazing journey."

Cade's musical talents emerged from an early age, and for the last 15 years he has been perfecting his musical niche as both a performer with bands and other artists as well as a solo musician.

Defining his musical genre, Cade said he leans toward "clean music, upbeat music, positive music."

"I've never been a Chris-

### Join Cade at his 'Giving Guitars Tour' events, two free concerts in Prescott area

Modern country music artist Steven Cade is bringing his "Giving Guitars Tour" to Prescott. He will be performing private concerts at the transitional family shelter Agape House in Prescott on Saturday, at 11 a.m. on March 5 and at the two-home House of Hope 316 in Prescott Valley that provides long-term affordable housing to homeless seniors on at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 11. Cade will also be performing two free open-to-the-public concerts at Founding Fathers Collective, 218 N. Granite Street in Prescott. Those concerts will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 and at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 11. The tour is sponsored through the Restore Us Foundation.

Anyone wishing to donate to this effort can do so through the website [stevencade.com/givingguitars](http://stevencade.com/givingguitars). To listen to Cade's newest release, "Better Me," visit this You Tube link: [youtube.com/watch?v=3rHukjVbMaQ](http://youtube.com/watch?v=3rHukjVbMaQ).

tian artist by genre, but I'm a Christian artist by faith," Cade explained. "When I write music (he was one of three writers on his latest release about homelessness) I write music that is easily relatable to the world, and to a lot of different styles of listeners ... I just enjoy writing music that conveys a message."

House of Hope 316 Founder and Director Bert Hunt is delighted that Cade is going to come and entertain the program's senior adult guests who live in two neighborhood homes. The program can accommodate a maximum of 15 men and women.

"What Steven Cade and his team are doing nation-

ally to make us all more aware of how many people are becoming homeless is very meaningful," Hunt said. "We are seeing more and more people who worked and raised families in their younger years and then they suddenly become homeless. Because of this growing need in our county, we recently opened a second house in Prescott Valley to help rescue more of the elderly from being homeless."

Hunt said he appreciates Cade's efforts to elevate conversations about what has become a national "epidemic" and outreach that proves his agency's belief in finding ways to help "one life at a time."

Likewise, Agape House Executive Director Mike Kimmel said he's "very excited" to be able to give the families that live in their nine-unit complex a chance to attend a musical concert. Not to mention to be provided a no-cost guitar.

"Our families don't get out much so they're not

going to many concerts," Kimmel said, noting his own daughter gave Cade's country music style "two thumbs up." "To have someone at his level come to our facility and play songs and talk to our families, and get to know them, and understand the broad situations they come from, is a great thing to see."

The children of the families are baking cookies and they'll host the families-only concert around a bonfire, Kimmel said.

"We're just thrilled to have someone like him in our midst," he said.

The warm welcome warms Cade's heart — and he hopes it inspires others to give in ways that suit them.

"Giving doesn't have to be in the form of money, always," Cade said. "You

can give your time and talents; you can teach people to paint or fix a car engine. My goal is to bring instruments, guitars, to people who are homeless. Maybe one day they will write a song to give back and inspire others. We are (Christian) believers and the Bible says, "It's better to give than receive."

He said they so appreciate hearing the stories from the shelter residents and their employees, some of whom have walked those shoes and are now giving back.

"We're all about lifting people up," Cade concluded.

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