

Groups host benefit concert for shelter

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MICHIGAN CITY — On Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013, the Notre Dame Music Ministry and the Peace and Social Justice Commission hosted a benefit concert at the Notre Dame Church in Michigan City. Monetary donations were collected for the benefit of Sand Castle Shelter for Homeless Families in Michigan City, and food donations were collected for the benefit of the Michigan City food pantries programs. This two hour event highlighted the wonderful talents of Fiddler's Two, an extraordinary musical ensemble, and beautiful performances by the Sacred Heart Apostolic Choir, a solo by Frank Casorio (accompanied by Lee Meyer), a piano Sonata by Fernando Zamora, the St. Francis Xavier Choir and the Marian Devotional Choir. The concert concluded with an inspirational song called "The Blessing", performed by Michelle Alexander, Choir Director at Notre Dame Church and the concert's principal organizer. With the public invitation stating that, for admission, one only needed to "bring your giving hearts," the public responded with several hundred dollars for Sand Castle Shelter for Homeless Families and several hundred pounds of food for the Michigan City food pantry programs. "Our organizations are delighted for the generous donations of the concert goers, but also for the continued outpouring of public support and compassion of the citizens of our community toward our residents who are most in need during this most difficult time", said Jim Musial, Executive Director of Sand Castle Shelter. Michelle Alexander, director of the Notre Dame Music Ministry and Judy Stratman of the Peace and Social Justice Commission wish to thank the tireless efforts of all of the volunteers and participants who made this event possible.