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Alumni band helps ErinoakKids through concert

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A group of seven young performers from Oakville and its surrounding area are hitting the stage to help raise funds for an organization that helped them so much growing up.

Superfire, which consists of three Oakvillians, will stage a benefit concert for the ErinoakKids Centre for Treatment and Development on Thursday, June 2. The event takes place at On The Curve in Mississauga City Centre.

ErinoakKids is a children's treatment centre, serving individuals with physical and/or developmental disabilities, communication disorders, autism or other special needs. It has facilities in Oakville, Burlington, Mississauga, Milton, Brampton and beyond.

Superfire is a group of alumni of the ErinoakKids program and this is its fourth year doing the fundraiser concert.

"(Superfire is) very cognizant of the role Erinoak had in their development," said Amy Tiberia, a mother of one of the Oakville band members. "My son, in particular, was about four-years-old when he began getting therapy through Erinoak. They've been real instrumental in the development of all these kids."



SUPERFIRE: Pictured are members of Superfire. In the back row are (I-r): Jeffrey Letarte, drums; William Murray, vocals, bass, guitar; Kyle Wester, guitar, harmonica; Taylor Arbeau, vocals; Brad Cook, keyboards; and crouching (I-r): Jamie Perrenoud, vocals and lyrics; and Ray Tiberia, guitar.

Superfire originally formed under the guidance of music therapist Bill Murray in the ErinoakKids music therapy program. The members are now all graduates, in their surprised a whole bunch of people with their

late teens and early 20s. The group also has several new members this year.

"They're a great bunch of kids and they've

talent and ability," Tiberia said.

Last year, the concert raised about \$5,000 for ErinoakKids and Tiberia expects to match that amount again this year.

The concert will also feature other musical guests, including Wayne MacDonald, musician, writer and founder of the Halton Hills chapter of the Spinal Cord Society.

"We have a gentleman who was injured in a workplace accident and he's a paraplegic, but when you hear him play and you hear his story, you can't help but be inspired," Tiberia said.

She added the entire event and the Superfire band are inspirational.

"These kids never dreamed they would find themselves in this situation, being able to express themselves and to show people, 'Yeah, we have disabilities but we can be just like anybody else.' They really enjoy putting on this show," Tiberia said.

"The challenges that these kids and adults have overcome, it's truly an inspiring evening and (by coming) you're helping a great organization at the same time."

On The Curve is located at 55 City Centre Dr. Tickets are \$15 at the door or \$10 in advance by emailing info@superfire.ca.

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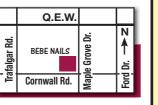
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