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**Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth and Sam Ash Music Stores of King of Prussia
Present Music for Kids' Sake: A Foster Care and Adoption Awareness Recruitment Event**

King of Prussia, PA (July 8, 2013) – The Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth and Sam Ash Music Stores of King of Prussia are sponsoring “Music for Kids’ Sake,” a foster care and adoption awareness and recruitment event on Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 1:00-6:00pm. This free event is open to the public and will be held at the Fire Chiefs Bandshell at Elmwood Park in Norristown

The purpose of the event is to create awareness and to recruit adoptive and foster parents for Montgomery County’s children in need of a safe and loving home. Currently there are over 350 children in foster care in Montgomery County. Approximately 50 of those children are headed towards needing permanency as they are unable to return home. This often leads to a need for adoptive families.

Montgomery County is always in need of foster parents. Foster parents can be individuals, married or unmarried couples and families. Montgomery County is inclusive and anyone interested in fostering is considered as long as they are 21 years of age and meet state requirements.

Far too often siblings are separated, and adolescents end up in shelters due to a shortage of homes. “Being a foster parent is rewarding and can bring great joy and purpose. Our county government works hard to promote and support foster parents and I encourage people to turn out to this event and learn more on how to have a meaningful impact on the lives of children in need in our community,” said Josh Shapiro, chairman of the county board of commissioners.

There will be four outstanding bands present who are generously donating their time for this important cause: Vibratek, The Mighty Manatees, Allen Reynolds Band, and Christian O’Connor. The MC is Local Comedian, Jim Thomas.

This is a family friendly event. Elmwood Park has playgrounds as well as a snack bar. Feel free to bring picnics, blankets, and chairs. This event can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/687890041225616/?ref=ts&fref=ts>. Please spread the word. Please contact Pamela Martin of the Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth, at 610-278-5829 or via email at pmartin@montcopa.org with any questions.