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Akron, OH – April 5, 2006 A group students and staff at the University of Akron have joined together to organize “Rockin’ for Relief”; a day of food, art, and entertainment to benefit the victims of the 2005 hurricane season. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the American Red Cross for their relief efforts in the gulf coast. **“Rockin’ for Relief” will be held on Saturday April 29, 2006 at EJ Thomas Hall. Doors will open at Noon.**

From noon until 6:00pm the event will feature a “battle of the bands”. Bands performing include *Templeton’s Zeal*, *Pete Nischt Band*, *Bancroft*, *Natex10*, *Andy Dolson Band*, *Sometime After Dark*, and *Jamie Ross Band*. This talent pool is competing for a chance to open for *Blessid Union of Souls*. Area art merchants and entertainers will fill the lobby to exhibit their specialties. Tickets for this portion of the event will range from \$8 for students and \$10 for adults, children under 45” get in free.

The day of excitement will conclude later that evening with a performance by Ohio’s own, *Blessid Union of Souls*. This national act has proved itself more than just a one-hit wonder, with the past success hits like "I Believe," "Hey Leonardo (She Likes Me for Me)" and other top 20 hits such as "Oh Virginia" and "Let Me Be the One". Tickets for the concert range from \$8 dollars for students and children, \$10 for adults. A package deal can also be purchased allowing entrance to both events.

“Rockin’ for Relief” was first conceived by students at the University of Akron in the wake of devastation caused by hurricanes Rita and Katrina. The benefit concert quickly gained the support of campus organizations, faculty and staff, and encouragement of the University of Akron President, Luis Proenza.

Tickets for “Rockin’ for Relief” can be purchased at the door, in advance though Ticketmaster, or by contacting the EJ Thomas ticket office at 330-972-7570. For further information please visit www.uakron.edu and click on Rockin’ for Relief.

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Come experience a day of art and entertainment as the University of Akron hosts "Rockin' for Relief"; an event benefiting the victims of the 2005 hurricane season. The event will take place on Saturday, April 29 at EJ Thomas Hall in downtown Akron, doors will open at noon. The main stage will feature a "Battle of the Bands", as local talent competes for a chance to open for the national headlining act, *Blessid Union of Souls*. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster or by calling the EJ Thomas ticket office at 330-972-7570. All proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross for their relief efforts in the Gulf Coast region. For more information about "Rockin' for Relief" visit the website at www.uakron.edu and click on Rockin' for Relief.

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