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GOBBLE JAM[®] ANNOUNCES BENEFICIARIES

AND OFFERS UNIQUE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Havertown, Pa: Oct 10th, 2016 –

Kelly Music For Life, producers of the annual “Haverford Spring Fest” and “Concert In The Park Summer Series” held in Havertown PA, has announced the beneficiaries for **GOBBLE JAM[®]**, an 8 hour “Rock And Play All Day” music festival to be held at the **Marple Sports Arena**, 611 Parkway Dr. in Broomall PA. Gobble Jam[®] will take place on Sat. Nov 12th from 3 PM until 11 PM.

Gobble Jam[®] will benefit **St. Mark’s Food Center** in Broomall PA and the **Cardinal O’Hara High School Marching Band** and music programs in Springfield PA. As its mission, Kelly Music for Life works to help fund deserving local food banks and initiatives, as well as furthering the needed support for continuing music education.

St. Mark’s Food Center began in 1980 as a metal cabinet with a few emergency food supplies. The collaboration of a former pastor and a rabbi in Broomall was originally called The Starfish Cabinet (representing the Christian fish symbol and the Star of David). St. Mark’s is a member of the Delaware County Interfaith Food Assistance Network (DIFAN), a coalition of 11 church and synagogue food banks and pantries.

Over the last four decades, St. Mark’s has grown to a food bank that serves hundreds of families per year. St. Marks receives 3% of county funds available from the state but these funding levels are not

adequate to fully serve their target area of Edgemont, Haverford, Marple, Newtown, Radnor, and Springfield Townships. That is why it is important to Kelly Music for Life to help provide additional funding. St. Mark's will also serve ANY resident of Delaware County if their hours are more convenient for a client due to availability of transportation or other needs. They also provide essential household items that are not part of Pennsylvania's SNAP program for low-income families.

St. Mark's Food Center serves approximately 900 households per year and the numbers have increased annually by 8 to 12%. **Maria Kollar**, Director of the St. Mark's Food Center, believes the numbers served by them should be higher, based on the statistic that 12-14% of children in the school districts served by their operation are living BELOW the poverty line and their records indicate they serve approximately 1/4 of that number. St. Mark's has a simple mission that they fulfill so well: to be there when someone needs them.

The **Cardinal O'Hara High School Marching Band** is a vital part of the high school experience for students growing up in Delaware County. In addition to providing school spirit at football games, pep rallies, concerts and area parades and festivals, director **Hector Ramirez** cites the goal of reinforcing the Catholic identity of O'Hara students by glorifying God through music as well as community involvement throughout the school year.

The Cardinal O'Hara Marching Band had the special honor of playing for Pope Francis on the Philadelphia International Airport the Pontiff's historic visit to Philadelphia in 2015 (the band played for Pope John Paul II in 1979). The band program includes ensembles for jazz, woodwinds, percussion, and brass. The Cardinal O'Hara Marching Band will perform to open the Gobble Jam© Rock and Play Day.

A limited number of sponsorship opportunities are still available for Gobble Jam©. Sponsorship benefits include both on-site activities as well as pre-event promotions and advertising opportunities. Customized sponsorships are also available. The list of options are at <http://gobblejam.com/sponsors>.

The concert will be headlined by national recording artists **Stroke 9** plus 5 other bands and is an all-ages event. Tickets for Gobble Jam© are:

- Adults: \$18 in advance / \$25 day of event for all day "come and go" admittance.
- Kids Ages 3-12: \$7 in advance / \$10 day of event (Must be accompanied by an adult. No refunds.)
- Age 2 and under: Free
- Tickets are available in advance at <http://www.GobbleJam.com>.

In addition to the music, attendees will be able to play all day in the Super Fun Zone featuring an Inflatable Slide, Bounce House and Obstacle Course. Also included is Marple Mountain a multi-story

maze, a climbing wall, skating, and other activities. A Zip Line (additional fee) will be set up in the parking lot. A beer and wine garden will be available (21 and over to drink) as well as great snacks and food from the Marple Sports Arena.

“Gobble Jam®” is produced by Kelly Music for Life, a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to improving lives and communities through music. Gobble Jam® will be streamed live around the world on iRadioPhilly.com.

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