

# Guelph District Shrine Club assists local musician with album release

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I received a phone call from Steve Thomson, President of Backstage Productions International in Toronto, who was looking to see if the Shriners could help out at a record release party for Don Sawchuk in Guelph.

I had worked with Steve during the production of one of our Shriners Hospital patient's CD album debut, Nancy Laberge "Write From The Heart", and have kept in touch, as we try to find ways to get the Shriners more visibility in the public's eye.

He had asked if the Shriners would like to get involved in receiving tickets at the door from patrons, helping with CD sales, and looking after the bar for the small crowd of about 100 at the Record Release



event to be held at the Guelph Heritage Hall owned by the Guelph Black Heritage Society. Don Sawchuk's debut album "Underdog" is dedicated to the memory of his big sister, who unfortunately, was murdered in an abusive relationship. His first single "My Home" is dedicated to our Canadian Veterans and current military service



personnel. Once Don heard the stories of what Shriners do, he was very enthralled. He gives back locally by playing at the local community centre, The Drop In Centre, playing for the less fortunate twice a week. I reached out to the Guelph District Shrine Club, and Noble Frank Douglas, President, and Noble Martin Pennings, 3rd Vice President who is the Fundraising Chairman, that this was a possible fundraiser and door opener to other events in the community. This will take place at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday November 10 with tickets just \$15 (\$20 at the door) with some of the proceeds going to the Guelph District Shrine Club. Just another way for the Shriners to get some recognition and visibility in the local community.