

# The Amy and Lisa Fund

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The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Amy Fedel Memorial Benefit Concert was held on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Green Wood U.M.C. in Ann Arbor. The concert is held annually in memory of Amy Fedel, who was killed when a drunk driver hit their family's van in the summer of 1998. Her surviving sister Lisa sustained severe closed-head injuries and suffers from epileptic seizures and migraines as a result.

The show was attended by approximately 65 people, a typical showing for the concert. During the kid's set, the under-10 crowd sang, played percussion instruments, and sang along to "I Am A Pizza", "Down By the Bay" and "I Wanna Be A Dog". They were joined by some older kids to learn the refrain to the closing song of the first set, "Keep on Trying". The kid's set closed with "I Think You're Wonderful", a song dedicated to Loren Greenawalt. During that song, the kids went back to their seats and sang it to their parents.

Ann Arbor's Bonfire Poets opened the show with a rousing set that ranged from Van Morrison to The Traveling Wiburys to Stevie Wonder. This was followed by a Moment of Silence in honor of Jim Story and Loren Greenawalt, two regular participants in the Green Wood Band, who passed way in 2008.

Mike delivered a solo performance of "Taking Little Steps" - a song he wrote in memory of Amy. Lisa joined dad on stage for "Wonder Drug" (a satirical song about prescription drug advertising that she helped write), then ran from the room as Mike and the band started into "That's My Kid Up There".

The audience was treated to a slideshow during the Paul Simon song "Father and Daughter". The song was dedicated to Jim Story, who sang regularly with his daughter both at Green Wood and in various community theaters and choruses. The slides showed Jim's daughter as well as the daughters of other band and audience member.

After a few more songs, Mike brought the kids back onstage to sing-along to the chorus of "Keep on Trying", a song based on one of Amy's self-made aphorisms "Keep On Trying No Matter What You Do, Keep on Trying, You Know It's Up To You."

During intermission, attendees were treated to a showing of photos by Ann Arbor student Melissa Meiller. She was a childhood friend of Amy's and still keeps in touch with the family and Lisa. Melissa sold some photos and the proceeds were donated to the concert. Lisa brought some t-shirts she designed and printed at Ann Arbor's Neutral Zone and sold a few, donating the proceeds to her sister's concert.

After intermission, Lisa performed a short parody of "Stacy's Mom". She turned it into a song about being in love with Ron Weasley - from the Harry Potter books ("Percy can't you see, you're not the Weasley for me. I know it might be wrong, but I'm in love with your brother Ron.") She dressed in an outfit inspired by the Slytherin House colors and sang to a slide show featuring Ron, Percy, and a smiling Lisa. A version of this performance will be posted on YouTube in the upcoming weeks.

The audience sang along with the Singalong Jukebox - a regular feature of the show since 1999. The audience voted for two favorite songs to sing along with the band. "American Pie" (the Number One choice for five years running) was nudged into second place by "I'm a Believer" by a single vote.

The second set opened with a five song set by the jazz group five miles more. They performed "Autumn Leaves", "Take the A Train", "Watermelon Man" and others.

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Singer Patti Jarosz closed out the show with a heartfelt version of "I'll Be Three", followed by "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" then Paul Simon's "Gone at Last", a full-steam-ahead Gospel number that has closed nearly every show since 1999.

The event was videotaped and some pictures will be up at [www.fedel.com/amyandlisa](http://www.fedel.com/amyandlisa) once they have been processed.

The benefit raised \$950, the audience left happy, and the band is eager to get started on next year's show.