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Funds Raised to Be Donated to Deaf School in Haiti

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BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Joyful Hands, Gardner-Webb University's sign language choir, will be performing at a benefit concert

photo of Joyful Hands

to support a deaf school in Haiti. This event will be March 4 at 7 p.m. at Blanton Auditorium in Hamrick Hall on Gardner-Webb's main campus. The concert will also feature Heart of Fire, AcaFelons, and the Gospel Choir.

In the past, Joyful Hands has performed at local churches and community events, the Southern Christmas Show, Relay for Life, and Gardner-Webb's Dimensions program. Each year, they put on a benefit concert and donate the money raised to a deaf school.

This year, funds raised will be donated to the Haiti Deaf Academy. This past spring, 10 GWU students were able to visit and serve at this school. For more information, visit www.haitideafacademy.com.

Madison McMahan, a student at Gardner-Webb and president of the Joyful Hands Club, shared, "As a group, we recognize the importance of supporting fellow institutions of deaf education through prayer and monetary support. Several GWU students have personal ties to international deaf schools and this is a good way to expand our fundraising resources in a fun, unique way that reaches outside of just ASL majors and students."

Another photo of Joyful Hands

In addition to raising funds for the deaf school in Haiti, McMahan added that the groups also aim "to raise awareness about deaf culture both on campus and internationally."

Admission is \$5 for community members and \$3 for GWU faculty, staff, and students. Any additional donations will also be accepted.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 10 days prior to the event. Please call 704-406-4253 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu.