

May 10, 1985

This is a request for permission to participate in the Independence Day Show on the monument grounds.

Name of Organization

CAPITAL CARES

Purpose

To perform a song for hunger entitled "Everyday People". The performance of Capital Cares will be delivered by Marc Cherry and an ensemble of local musicians and local celebrities. The every day people (on the grounds) will be invited to sing along with the chorus thereby evoking a feeling of enthusiasm and personal involvement in the fight against hunger. Through the song we will CHALLENGE other cities throughout the country to "catch on and join in".

Goals

It is intended for the Capital Cares Presentation to become a public service announcement and to focus on the efforts of the Nation's Capital to feed hungry families throughout the country and right here at home; and

To produce a recording from this performance. It is our intention to secure media involvement in the presentation. The ultimate goal is for the song to be signed on with a record company. In that event, all proceeds will be directed to a local fund raising organization for hunger.

The Producers

Jere Silber, a screen/play writer, was inspired to co-write this presentation because he so greatly admired the commitment and dedication of the late Harry Chapin. Jere is currently associated with a group of people who are trying to produce a movie based on Harry Chapin's life story, entitled "Higher Ground". Jere's enthusiasm and belief in Harry's work for hunger is so strong that Marc Cherry decided to join forces in this effort. Jere's own respect for human life led him to write commercials for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D. - Montgomery County), namely "You Only Fool Yourself", "Drinking and Driving- A Loaded Weapon", and for drug abuse, "Let's Bury Drug Abuse".

Marc Cherry recently finished a music video entitled "Take It To the Top". The music was composed, arranged and performed by Marc. Further, Marc composed and arranged a theme song for the television show MORNING BREAK and performed the song on the show. Marc's public performances include Blues Alley of Georgetown on June 21, 1982; an appearance with Charlie Byrd at the Maryland Inn in Annapolis on June 28, 1982; Maryland Inn on August 14, 1982; Blues Alley on January 17, 1983; and the Pisces Club of Georgetown on various dates during 1984.

Barbara Mankin writes songs as a contribution to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (Montgomery County), and sings them at the vigils. Barbara's "Song for John", composed after the death of a local teenager, was aired by stations locally and in other states, in support of National Drunk Driving Awareness Week.

Capital Cares Is Dedicated to the Memory of Harry Chapin

Harry Chapin expressed his love for life and people through his songs. He was a devoted husband and father and, by far, one of the greatest humanitarians of our time.

"Harry Chapin once said of his life that he hoped to 'leave here thinking I mattered.' He has left us. And he did matter - to his friends and to people in the Third World who will be fed because he cared, who are alive today because he saw hunger and tried to end it". Senator Edward Kennedy.

As we celebrate our independence on July 4th with funs and festivity, perhaps we should pause a moment to ask ourselves if our independence is taken for granted. Hungry people cannot share in celebration for they have yet to realize their freedom. Food is health - health is life - and life is freedom to function, produce and prosper.

On behalf of all needy people we respectfully request that the Capital Cares Presentation be placed on the program agenda for July 4, 1985.