



## MO Blues Annual Report 2021

This past year was so much better. We were still dealing with Covid, and deal with it still, but we were still able to get back to business and accomplish some of our goals. And that we did, so here are some of the highlights from 2021:

**Sunday Afternoon Jams:** We missed a few months due to the pandemic, but we were able to hold 5 jams. March was held at the Hall, and we shared the stage with the Washmo Blues Society. April was at the Outpost Bar & Grill with Buddha Blue as the host band and August was at Katfish Katy's with GrajMahal as the host band. In September we held an acoustic jam at the Berg in Hartsburg, MO, featuring Ben Green & Friends as host. In November we were back at the Outpost with Buddha Blue. That was a pretty good lineup considering we were still dealing with Covid.

**Dunklin Street Blues Festival:** The Lorie Ann Hall Smith Blues Festival, originally scheduled for June, had to be postponed to August 28<sup>th</sup> due to 'stormy weather'. We were fortunate to be able to reschedule it and it turned out to be great. We partnered with the Old Munichburg Association's 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Open Market. It was a little warmer in August, but not raining! This was a 6-hour street festival featuring 3 bands: Buddha Blue from Jefferson City, the Joe Lewis Band from Columbia, and the Kingdom Brothers from St. Louis. The music was fabulous, and everyone had a great time. The South Side was rockin' that day. Our sponsors and contributors for the festival were:

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Old Munichburg Association

**Blues in the Park:** This year we partnered with Porchfest for our annual fundraiser for Blues in the Schools. There was music in two areas on the west end of Jefferson City. Our event, as usual, was held at the Memorial Park pavilion and Porchfest was in the next block on Forest Hill Ave. This partnership benefited both JC Parks & Recreation and MO Blues, and we look forward to doing it again in 2022. Once again, we served BBQ Sundaes which may be becoming a new tradition and we estimated 200 people attended. The band lineup for this event was GrajMahal, Joe Lewis and Buddha Blue. Our sponsors for the park event were:

Painters, Tapers & Local 1185 Union  
The Wallstreet Group Financial  
Hope Gerdes/Edward Jones  
Lee's Chicken  
The Vaughan Agency

The Outpost  
News Tribune  
KJLU 88.9 FM  
Pita Pit

**Holiday Blues Blast:** We made up for the disappointment of having to cancel the Blues Blast last year. We were able to reschedule with both the Capital Bluffs and Mike Zito. What a great event this was! The food catered by Capital Bluffs was outstanding and the Zito show was incredible. This was our first attempt at doing something this big and no one was disappointed.

**Financial Status:** Our net income from the three events in 2021 was \$4484.30. These events are the major sources of fund raising for the association's Blues in the Schools Program. Covid restrictions have prevented open access to the public school system. The association is exploring other educational opportunities to fulfill our mission of promoting and preserving the blues. Further, as soon as Covid restrictions are lifted enough for us to present live educational seminars, the association intends to resume the traditional Blues in the Schools Program. It is still our primary goal to teach the children in our community about the origin and roots of blues music.

MO Blues would like to thank all our sponsors, contributors and volunteers over the past year who helped make our events successful in our efforts to "Keep the Blues Alive".

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