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‘Concert For Life’ to Raise Money for Cancer Programs

GURNEE, Ill. – On March 14, the American Cancer Society (ACS) will hold its 10th annual Concert For Life at St. Paul’s Church in Gurnee, Ill., to raise money for cancer programs.

The concert is a chance to raise awareness of cancer and for the community to unite in contributing to the fight against it. All proceeds from the concert will go to the ACS to fund programs such as cancer research, prevention education, and fundraising.

The concert will feature pianist Matt Wessel. Wessel has been a huge part of the Concert For Life since it began back in 2001. He has been the main performer at all ten concerts.

“I always love playing at the Concert For Life because it reminds us that hope should never be lost,” Wessel said.

The Concert For life began when Kate Pedersen, a fellow classmate of Wessel’s, was diagnosed with cancer. Her friends wished to put on a concert at St. Paul’s Church to raise money for the ACS in her honor.

Wessel, who lost his father to a brain tumor in 1997, was honored that he was asked to perform at the concert. “With the memories of my father and the inspiration of Kate, the Concert For Life was born,” Wessel said.

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With the continual support of the community, the Concert For Life has grown year by year. Many communities outside of Gurnee have even begun holding their own Concerts For Life.

To this day, the Concert For Life has raised over \$189,000, which has all been donated to the ACS to support the fight against cancer.

“Kate inspired a tremendous fundraising idea,” Wessel said. “It’s a great way to bring the community together and remind us all that life is a precious gift.”

The concert will begin at 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting www.mattwesselmusic.com, or they can be purchased at the door on the day of the concert.

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