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Longtime Contra Costa Youth Music Leaders Launch New Charity "Guitars 'n' Kids" After National Board Shuttters Local Chapters

*Help Our New Nonprofit raise funds to Restore **Free Guitar Lessons and guitars** for Youth in Contra Costa County!*

CONCORD, CA – After 19 years of dedicated volunteer service to the children of Contra Costa County, the local leadership behind the region's free youth guitar programs has announced the launch of a new independent charity: **Guitars 'n' Kids**.

WHAT: Guitars 'n' Kids Relaunch & Fundraiser (Live Music, 21+)

MUSIC: Ms. Reese & Her Pieces; Delta Deuce, The Breedloves & Friends, Brooks Lundy (solo)

WHEN: Saturday, August 1, 2026 | 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM

WHERE: Vinnies Bar & Grill, 2045 Mt. Diablo Street, Concord, CA

COST: \$10.00 suggested door donations encouraged – silent auctions

Live Entertainment:

MISS REESE & HER PIECES: Miss Reese & Her Pieces is an 8 piece authentic blues band with a little bit of rock and soul thrown into the mix. Powerful vocals and dynamic musicianship are key factors in this band's performance.

DELTA DEUCE: A classic rock and blues cover band based in Walnut Creek, California, performing throughout the greater San Francisco Bay Area, featuring co-founder, Scott Anderson on Guitar and vocals, along with other very well seasoned musicians.

THE BREEDLOVES & FRIENDS: Jay Kirkland (guitar/ukulele), Barbara Gorin (vocals/rhythm guitar) and Danny Cronin on bass and Pep Salinas on drums. They are a band that's redefining the genre with their unique blend of powerful rock rhythms and the unexpected, yet captivating, sounds of the ukulele. With their original compositions, they draw influences from flamenco, jazz, and blues. The Breedloves & Friends are set to prove that the ukulele has a place in rock and roll.

BROOKS LUNDY (Solo): Brooks Lundy is an acclaimed Bay Area multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, and educator renowned for his exceptional musicianship and studio work on the hit *Guitar Hero* video game series. While widely known for fronting premier rock and tribute bands, his solo acoustic performances deliver an intimate, high-energy showcase of masterclass guitar techniques, commanding vocals, and engaging storytelling.

The important fundraiser will allow the charity to purchase new guitars, gig bags, and printing costs for instructional materials to resume classes immediately. Community members are invited to attend the event at Vinnies or donate online to support the mission of offering a positive alternative to violence through the power of music.

About Guitars 'n' Kids: Guitars 'n' Kids is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing free guitars and music lessons to youth in our community (ages 8–18) in Contra Costa County. Founded by veteran volunteers, the organization focuses on mentorship, self-esteem, and community through music. ***Empowering youth in our community through music with free guitars and lessons***

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