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The Shantyman Plays Joshua Bates Center on February 8th in Support of the New G. Tackaberry and Family Home

ATHENS, ON – You can tap your toes and toss a contribution to support the residents of The G. Tackaberry & Family Home on February 8th when the Shantyman performs at a free concert at the Joshua Bates Centre.

The concert will feature a selection of songs from the '50s and '60s by Chris Hum, the Shantyman. The event will also have a display of the G. Tackaberry and Family Home renderings and updates on the progress of this long-term care facility scheduled to open in August of this year.

"I wanted to do something to give back to the community, and this project is very much needed in Leeds and Grenville," said Chris Hum. "When fundraising committee member Roger Haley approached me, I was more than happy to offer a free night of great music – I really hope that people can open their wallets and donate something to this important project."

The event will have a cash bar, 50-50 tickets, and a tap-to-donate device for people who would like to donate. Committee members will be on hand to give updates on the project and opportunities for naming rights at the home.

"We are thrilled that Chris is doing this in support of the home," said Doug Struthers, Fundraising Chair. "We are \$800,000 away from our three-million-dollar goal, and every dollar counts over the next 8 months."

The Maple View Landings Redevelopment Project is the largest capital construction project in the history of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, at a cost of more than \$86,000,000. Construction of the new three-story, six-wing building is well underway on the Maple View Landings property in Athens, Ontario, and will replace the existing 60-bed Maple View Lodge facility upon its opening, expected in the summer of 2025. The existing building will be repurposed to provide dormitory-style living, independent affordable senior living, and a licensed childcare program.

The contributions made thus far bring the campaign to the two-thirds mark of its goal of \$3,000,000, now sitting at a total of over \$2,230,000 thanks to additional donations from companies, service clubs, individuals, residents, and resident family members.



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