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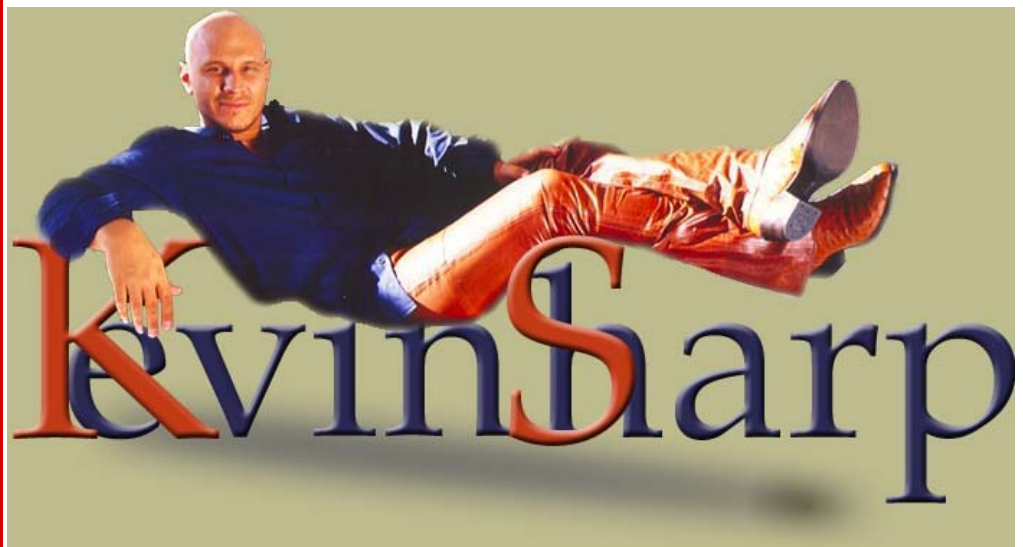
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## Kevin Sharp: A Country Wish – Benefit for the Fisher Nightingale Houses WPAFB

<http://magazine.angrycountry.com/index.php?topic=concerts>Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio - National Museum of the United States Air Force

By Vonna Rose Harrison – AngryCountry.com Staff Writer



When I heard Cupit recording artist Kevin Sharp would be performing at the 2nd Annual "All American Evening" benefit for the Fisher Nightingale Houses, I jumped at the chance to attend. I can tell you I wasn't at all surprised he would take part in such a worthy cause as Sharp proves over and over again he is the type of man I have come to know lends his heart and talents to those in need.

The event setup was spectacular from the stunning horse ice sculpture, to the enormous airplanes surrounding us in the hangar. There was not only a silent auction with amazing items, patriotic Air Force memorabilia, theater tickets for various shows, and hand crafted items, there was even a live auction that included two guitars Kevin Sharp autographed for the winning bidders. Both winners were ecstatic to say the least.

As the auctions ended, it was time for Kevin Sharp to take the stage. I will start off saying, it is always my pleasure to be a part of the audience for a performance by Kevin, as not only do you get to hear him sing, he shares his time onstage unselfishly with his band members, which include Andy Flores, Brad McFarland, Dan Barnes, Daniel Mott, and Jim Klingler. He started off the evening with some of his notable tunes, "Measure of a Man", "If You Love Somebody", and "She's Sure Taking It Well", and then let his band members take a turn at the mic with Flores singing "New York State of Mind", Mott, the new addition to the band, chose Toto's "Hold The Line", while McFarland sang Don Henley's "New York Minute" after Sharp made note that he is unique and likened him to a cross between Henley and Phil Vassar. Each performer is unique in style and lent an enjoyable twist to the heartfelt essence of the night.

Afterwards, Kevin shared with us a story about a man who paid \$5,000.00 at a charity auction for him to write a song about his wife, before singing the tune, "You Are the Reason Why". He then spoke of his illness and how he was told in 1989 he was going to die, and with the help of family and friends he came through it all with his faith and hope intact. He made mention of David Foster, whom he met through the Make-A-Wish Foundation and of how he became the only wish kid recipient who actually became the wish of a little boy named Matthew, who sadly left this world not long after his wish came true. Each story he told touched my heart deeply as he shared his innermost thoughts and feelings with those in attendance.



To the delight of many, this writer included, Sharp will release a new record on July 26, 2005, his first for Cupit Records, and shared with us some of the new tunes "What Some People Throw Away", a beautiful look into the idea of one man's trash, is another man's treasure as well as the first single, the touching "Your Love Reaches Me" both certain to be hits with his fans. He included the enlightening song, "Jesus for President" a tune I first heard last year at one of his "Speaking of Life" seminars, which unfortunately isn't on the album but hopefully he will continue to share during his shows.

To end the evening, Sharp gifted us with his number one hit and fan favorite, "Nobody Knows" and thanked everyone for taking the time out to join him in support of the military and the Fisher/Nightingale Houses. Christopher Stanley, Executive Director of Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc. stated, "It was a wonderful event, attended by over 200 people. Kevin Sharp's performance was fantastic; the food was plentiful, displayed beautifully and delicious. The layout of the Museum and silent auctions

was great. Overall, it was a great event that will be hard to match, much less top next year. The event raised almost \$32,000 to benefit the Wright-Patterson AFB Fisher Houses."

I never tire of hearing Sharp speak of his journey through this life and witness his tireless effort and unwavering message of faith, hope and love as he is one man who stands tall among those of which legends are written. Kevin Sharp is truly an inspiration to us all.

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***By: Melissa Weaver, 2005 AAE Chairperson***

“A Country Wish,” the Second Annual All-American Evening, benefiting the Fisher and Nightingale Houses on Wright-Patterson AFB was a tremendous success, raising nearly \$32,000 to help support the day-to-day expenses of these compassionate care homes.

The event, set in The National Museum of the United States Air Force on April 29th, was well attended by over 200 people from both the military and local community. Local businesses and individuals provided over 100 items for the live and silent auction. Gourmet fare was created by Wright-Patterson’s own Chef David Glynn and was accompanied by beer and wine tasting.

The highlight of the evening was an emotionally charged 90-minute performance by Country Music Artist Kevin Sharp, who wove bits of his cancer survival story into the evening’s music. Sharp, the only Make-a-Wish recipient to beat the odds and become the wish of another child, treated the audience to music ranging from his country ballads to hits from the ’80s.

Plans are already in the works for next year’s All-American Evening to be held on April 29, 2006.