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Local Nonprofits Sell Concert Skyboxes to Raise Money for the Needy

Skybox sales from 2025 Charity Concert Series directly benefit Franklin County families in need.

Union Hall, VA — Four of Franklin County's leading nonprofits have joined forces to create **Neighbors in Need**, a new coalition dedicated to addressing the region's growing challenges with food insecurity and health care access.

The coalition unites the leadership of:

- **Ellen Holland**, Free Clinic of Franklin County (Bernard Healthcare)
- **Lisa Lietz**, SML Good Neighbors, Inc.
- **Staci Talley**, Stepping Stone Mission (The Franklin County Soup Kitchen)
- **Lucille Bowman**, Transition Basics

Together, they're building a stronger safety net by pooling resources, raising awareness, and delivering support to the county's most vulnerable residents.

A Creative Partnership with The Coves Amphitheater

To fuel this mission, Neighbors in Need has partnered with **The Coves Amphitheater**, which has pledged **100% of its 2025 skybox proceeds** from the Coves Charity Concert Series to the coalition.

"This partnership gives us a unique platform, not just to raise funds, but to share the stories of our neighbors who are quietly struggling every day," said **Dennis Crumpler**, developer of The Coves. "We're honored to be part of this effort to create real impact in our community."

"SML Good Neighbors is grateful for the community's continued support through the Neighbors in Need Campaign," said **Tabitha Collison of SML Good Neighbors, Inc.** "With the rising cost of living, more families than ever are relying on our programs. Campaigns like this not only help sustain our work but also strengthen the efforts of other local organizations committed to meeting the increasing needs of families in our region."

Fundraising Progress

Skybox sales have already brought in nearly **\$20,000**, with the group closing in on its **\$40,000 goal for 2025**.

Each climate-controlled skybox accommodates up to 10 guests and includes a private party deck, VIP bar and restroom access, and premium views of the stage. Prices range from \$500–\$1,000 depending on the show and capacity.

“It’s a way to enjoy an unforgettable night of music while doing something extraordinary for your community,” said Crumpler. “Every single dollar goes toward food, health care, and essential support for Franklin County families.”

How to Reserve

Skyboxes can be reserved online at www.covesatsml.com/skybox-reservation.

For seasonal rentals or group bookings, email info@covesatsml.com.

About The Coves Amphitheater

The Coves Amphitheater, located at Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia, has grown from small porch performances in 2020 to a premier outdoor music venue with a mission: to bring people together through music while supporting local charities. Since opening, The Coves has donated more than **\$150,000** to community causes through ticket sales, skybox rentals, and contributions from its all-volunteer staff.

About Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need is a coalition of four Franklin County nonprofits — **Free Clinic of Franklin County, SML Good Neighbors, Stepping Stone Mission, and Transition Basics** — working together to address food insecurity and health care disparities through outreach, collaboration, and advocacy.