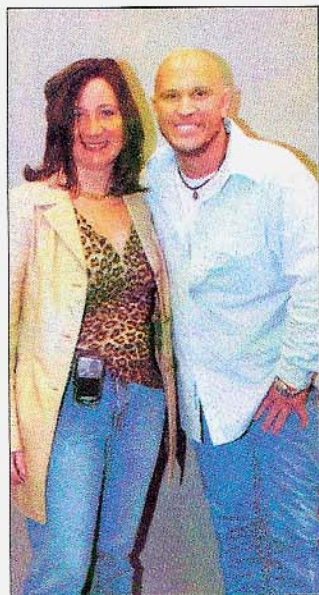


Tragedy's Gift: A night with Kevin Sharp



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sang a Barry Manilow song about hope and love. She died a few weeks later, but Sharp continues to perform at cancer benefit concerts, at smaller venues like The Pell City Center, and at other charity events in the name of all cancer victims and survivors.

"The time we're given on Earth is valuable and there's no one's day or minute or hour that's more important than anyone else's," he said. "You count and you count just as much as the person sitting beside you."

By the show's end, the music had intertwined with Sharp's story of survival and with the feeling that everybody is a survivor in his or her own right.

After the show St. Clair County resident Christy Prance Hardy wrote that Sharp's performance had changed her family's life. "Your concert in Pell City Alabama changed my daughter's life," she told Sharp in an e-mail. "I have heard nothing but how incredible you are. She called me as she was leaving the parking lot after the concert, telling me how special you were and totally sincere. Thank you for your caring, loving heart. I know you really made an impression on my daughter, because of your awesome talent, and your honesty and love for others. I hope you will come back to Alabama so I can meet you. God bless you for just being you."

As the show closed, Sharp pulled out the boots he had worn during the "Nobody Know" music video shoot. He gave them to McCurry as a token of friendship and thanks, and spent the rest of the evening signing autographs and taking pictures with fans until the last walked out into the night.

Doris Jones, a member of the Leadership Pell City Class, said the night had been a success in many ways.

"What an unbelievable event and such a powerful evening," Jones said. "The concert and the opportunity to meet Kevin was just outstanding. I know I had a great time as did all my guests, and I am betting everyone who attended."

For more information about Kevin Sharp, his music and his mission, visit <http://www.kevinsharp.com>. For pictures from the Pell City performance, go to the "On The Road" link on the right side of the home page.



More than \$6,000 to help with Lakeside Hospice services and to help fund cancer research through the St. Clair County Relay for Life.

