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Country music's Kevin Sharp performing Saturday

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Kevin Sharp needs no introduction to most country music lovers.

The Nashville recording artist, who'll perform a concert Saturday at Columbia Park, has a slew of music award nominations, including the Academy of Country Music's new male vocalist, American Music Awards for favorite new country artist and Music City News Awards for male star of tomorrow.

Then there are those hit songs like Nobody Knows, She's Sure Taking It Well and If You Love Somebody.

But to many who've faced the trauma of cancer and survived, Sharp, 36, is much more than a musician.

He's a guy who was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer that spread to his lungs at age 18 and survived.

As the story goes, Sharp always had a hankering to become a country singer. But his chances of surviving cancer were slim, so he was introduced to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

Sharp's only wish was to meet record producer and musician David Foster. That introduction must have instilled a will to live so strong that it sent Sharp's cancer into remission.

And for the past 18 years, earning his wings in the music business has been his life's ambition. To all those cancer survivors and their families, success has come twofold.

"People walk away from his concerts feeling wonderful," said Linda Moran, with the American Cancer Society of the Tri-Cities. "He's not just an amazing entertainer, he's an amazing motivational speaker who continues to help others all over the country who have cancer."

All proceeds will benefit the cancer society.

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Fastfacts

What: Kevin Sharp performs.

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Band shell at east end of Columbia Park.

Cost: \$15.

Tickets: Tri-City-area Bank of America locations or call the American Cancer Society at 783-1574.

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