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### Ross Copley to Perform at Hospice of DC Motorcycle Fundraiser

Lexington, North Carolina, July 15, 2009 - Ross Copley, former Childress Idol and two-time Georgia Country Male Vocalist of the Year, will headline the musical lineup at Hospice of Davidson County's 2009 "*Ride for Angels*." This will be the North Carolina debut for Copley and his six-member band.

Copley is a native of Lexington and graduated from Central Davidson High School. Prior to launching his musical career, he attended Davidson County Community College. After receiving the Childress Idol title in 2006, he pursued singing opportunities in the Atlanta area. While performing at, "Wild Bills," the largest country western club in the nation, he has opened for noted country artists such as the Zac Brown Band, Lady Antebellum, Billy Currington, Eric Church and Luke Bryan. Currently Ross can still be heard performing every week at another popular night spot, "Cowboys" in Kennesaw, Georgia.

Ross has spent a great part of this year putting together the Ross Copley Band and preparing for their eastern United States tour scheduled to kick off later this fall. Their concert lineup includes many contemporary country favorites as well as original compositions.

"I'm excited that our band has the opportunity to perform for the first time so close to home" Ross commented. "My family and I have been personally touched by the work of both Cancer Services and Hospice of Davidson County ... performing at this fundraiser is just one way we wanted to say thank you for what they do" he added.

This year marks the second annual "*Ride for Angels*" motorcycle ride that has grown to include a lineup of musical artists, a food court, retail vendors and activities for the whole family. Last year the agency raised over \$9,000 for indigent and underinsured patients.

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In anticipation of the growing response from the community, the agency has moved the event to Denton Farmpark in Denton. The ride will depart at 10:45 am and return to the park at noon. Gates open to riders and the general public at 8:30 am. Riders may pre-register at HODC or register on site the day of the ride. A \$10.00 fee will be collected at the gate for non-riders. The event is free to children under 12. (*See below for a more complete schedule of events.*)

This event is made possible through the generous support of the following sponsors: Garwood Cycles, Country Legends 89.3, GWRRA-A2 - Lexington Style Wings, Reedy Creek Tractor, Time Out Hut and [www.DavidsonCountyHappenings.com](http://www.DavidsonCountyHappenings.com). Hospice of Davidson County regrets that The Garwood Bike Display will not be held as previously advertised.

Hospice of Davidson County provides highly specialized medical services to those with terminal illness. Earlier this year the agency opened the county's first inpatient facility, *The Henry Etta and Bruce Hinkle Hospice House*. Hospice of Davidson County is also approved by the Accreditation Commission of Health Care, a further recognition of excellence in healthcare practices.

For more information about this event, contact Laura Owen or Joan Blevins, Event Coordinator, at (336) 475-5444. Information and pre-registration forms may also be found at [www.hospiceofdavidson.org](http://www.hospiceofdavidson.org) or [www.DavidsonCountyHappenings.com](http://www.DavidsonCountyHappenings.com). In case of inclement weather, a rain date of Sunday, July 19, has been established.

#### Schedule of Events:

8:30 am	Park Gates Open
8:30 am - 4 pm	Food Court/Retail Vendors Open Paintball, Rock Climbing and Football Throw <i>Courtesy of the NC Army National Guard</i>
10:45 am	Ride Departs Farmpark
12:00 pm	Riders Return/Hot Dog Lunch
12:00 pm	Davis Tucker, Country, Blues & Southern Rock
12:30 pm	Kayla Watson, contemporary Christian vocalist
1:00 pm	The Ross Coppley Band, Country & Southern Rock
2:15 pm	The Whites, contemporary Christian duo
4:00 pm	Park Gates Close

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