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TEEN 535 BAND ROCKS AT OLD TOWN TO HELP KIDS IN NEED

April 7, 2008—Kissimmee, FL: Central Florida's own up-and-coming teen sensation, **the 535 Band, will be in concert each Sunday in April at Old Town's annual Bug Fest.** To raise money to help kids in need, one guitar donated by Discount Music will be played by the 535 Band and then given away at the end of each concert. The National Recording Act features Jullian Piccione, Parker Landis and Griffin Landis, all from Southwest Orlando. They are known for their hits, "Hey Girl" and "That's How We Roll." **Raffle tickets will be sold for a donation of \$1 with all proceeds benefiting the local charity called A Gift For Teaching (AGFT-O) of Osceola County, a program of the Education Foundation~Osceola County.** AGFT-O provides free school supplies, books, clothing, toys and other basic learning tools to underprivileged students in Osceola County. In fact, most are surprised to learn that more than 56% of Osceola County students cannot afford lunch, much less basic school supplies.

With the help of community partners such as Old Town, the 535 Band and Discount Music store, more and more students in need will have the opportunity to go to school with their own book bags, pencils, paper and crayons and feel like the other students in their class. AGFT-O has given more than \$4,000,000 in valued products to teachers and students in need. Come visit Bug Fest at Old Town every Sunday in April to see the 535 Band perform live, enter to win

a new guitar, get free prizes, and most importantly, help a less fortunate student in the community realize their own potential.

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Facts about the event:

The event will be held each Sunday in April at Old Town from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Children will enjoy free arts and crafts, roaming insect characters, confetti cannon shooting paper butterflies into the crowd, and games and prizes by Radio Disney AM 99. And best of all, everyone will get a free poster and a chance to meet the boys from the 535 Band after their performances at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. \$1 Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win a guitar played by one of the boys from the 535 Band. The event is FREE. Old Town is located one mile east of I-4 on Highway 192 in Kissimmee. Look for the giant Ferris Wheel! Visit www.old-town.com or call (407) 396-4888. * Radio Disney AM99 will be at Bug Fest only on April 20th.*

The **Education Foundation-Osceola County** is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting public education, teachers and students. Led by a 40 member board of directors, the Foundation currently awards over one-hundred thirty \$2,000 scholarships each year to Osceola County graduates. Other important accomplishments include matching children with mentors through the Take Stock in Children and Bookmark Buddies programs, providing classroom supplies to needy students and eligible teachers at no cost through a teacher free store, as well as providing classroom project grants and hosting special appreciation events for Osceola County educators and students. Visit our Web site at www.foundationosceola.org for more information about A Gift For Teaching of Osceola County or the Education Foundation~Osceola County.

A Gift For Teaching is a Central Florida non-profit organization that serves 325 public schools in Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. The Free Store in Orlando and its satellite store, A Gift For Teaching of Osceola County, are funded and stocked by local individuals and companies in the local community. To date, more than \$32 million worth of school supplies, including essential classroom tools such as pencils, notebooks, glue, backpacks, art supplies and books have been distributed to local students in need.