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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Music Express Raises \$7,000 for Windsor Downtown Mission and Local Schools

Music Express, Canada's Premier Show Band, based in the Windsor/Essex County community, is please to announce that it has raised \$3,030 for the Windsor Downtown Mission and \$3,970 for local elementary school programs in both the Public and Catholic school boards.

During the weekend of December 3 and 4 at L'Essor High School Theatre, Music Express performed its 35th annual Christmas series entitled "The Wonder of Christmas". This elaborate holiday production featured the musicians and singers of Music Express along with children from ten schools throughout our community. This series of shows financially benefited programs within participating schools and the Windsor Downtown Mission.

"Our purpose is to provide an organization through which members may donate their time and talents to share their love for music for the sole benefit of the Windsor/Essex County community," says Musical Director and CEO Nino Palazzolo. "Our Christmas series is no exception. In this series we unite top quality musicians and singers with children from local school choirs from both boards to create a professional calibre holiday production".

The Downtown Mission provides a tremendous service to our community year round and we are pleased we can contribute to this effort through our performances, says Mr. Palazzolo.

"The Windsor Downtown Mission is privileged to be the recipient of this very special gift from Music Express" says Chandra Dass – Executive Director, The Downtown Mission. "It is this thoughtfulness that provides the motivation for our continued work with the less fortunate in our community. Your shared values of community care and outreach are sincerely appreciated" says Ms. Dass.

Music Express would like to thank its valued volunteers and sponsors for their contribution to the production of *The Wonder of Christmas*. It is through this generosity that we are able to make our contribution to the local arts as well as to the charitable needs of this community.

For more information or to arrange for an interview with Mr. Palazzolo, please call Alan Buterbaugh at 519-946-4120. Additional information about our group and this event can also be found at www.musicexpress.ca.

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