



Celebration Festival Shines Spotlight on Talented Chiefland Youngster

CHIEFLAND, Fla. – When the Hospice Thrift & Gift Shoppe marked its first anniversary in Chiefland with a celebration festival on a recent Saturday, faces were painted, games were played, hot dogs were eaten, prizes were awarded and, to the delight of all, 11-year-old Justin Walton of Chiefland took a first step on what could be his road to stardom.

Walton, a student at Chiefland Elementary School, was invited to sit in with the Elektrik Fence Blues Band, entertainers for the event. Guitar in hand, he confidently claimed his place at the microphone and, taking the lead as vocalist and guitarist, he wowed the crowd with his rendition of “Knockin’ on Heaven’s Door,” a Bob Dylan classic. Accompanied by band members Jeff Norris, David Mendes and Mike Eorgan, Walton completed his set to enthusiastic applause and cheers.

Located at 2202 N. Young Blvd., the Hospice Thrift & Gift Shoppe operates as a program of Hospice of the Nature Coast/Hospice of Citrus County, Inc., licensed 1985, which is a not-for-profit charitable organization providing comprehensively responsive and compassionate end-of-life services to terminally ill patients and their families in 12 counties of north-central Florida. Merchandise donated to and sold at the shoppe helps

support services for local hospice patients and their families. More information about the organization is available at www.hospiceofthenaturecoast.org.

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Photo Caption: Justin Walton (center) guest stars with the Elektrik Fence Blues Band at the Hospice Thrift & Gift Shoppe first-anniversary celebration festival in Chiefland.