

**For Immediate Release:**

**THE TEMPTATIONS, CAT POWER, THE BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA AND MANY SPECIAL GUESTS SET TO PERFORM AT FEED THE BODY, FEED THE SOUL ON AUGUST 4, 5, & 6 AT THE FOX CITIES PERFORMING ARTS CENTER IN APPLETON, WI**

**THE EVENING BENEFITS BASIC NEEDS AND ACCESS TO ARTS FOR STUDENTS IN NORTHEAST WISCONSIN**

**APPLETON, WI, JUNE 19, 2017:** Oshkosh Corporation, Fox Communities Credit Union, and Refuge Foundation for the Arts are pleased to announce a new partnership celebrating a holistic approach to our strengthening our community. Through a series of events titled *Feed The Body, Feed The Soul*, the partnership's focus is to raise awareness and funds to assist with basic needs and access to the arts in Northeast Wisconsin.

To kick things off, the groups will host a series of concert experiences at **Fox Cities Performing Arts Center** in Appleton, WI on **Friday August 4** featuring **The Temptations**, **Saturday August 5** featuring **Cat Power**, and **Sunday**

**August 6** featuring **The Blind Boys of Alabama**. Each event will also feature many emerging artists, dancers, and speakers. The benefit concerts will begin at **7:00 PM** on Friday and Saturday, and **1:00PM** on Sunday. **Tickets** start at \$29.00, and go on sale June 26th at 10:00am through Ticketmaster outlets and Fox Cities Performing Art Center box office. All proceeds will benefit Feed The Body, Feed The Soul and Refuge Foundation for the Arts.

**To purchase tickets, visit [www.refugearts.org/tickets/](http://www.refugearts.org/tickets/)**

Studies have shown that a child with access to proper nutrition, safe shelter, and a means of creative expression will show increases in brain development, motor skills, critical thinking, and decision making abilities. By feeding them on a holistic level – mind, body, and soul – *Feed The Body, Feed The Soul* will create a generation of well-rounded individuals and leaders with a sense of value and purpose. Throughout the weekend, music and the arts will inspire individuals to join together to give back to their community by donating their time, talent, and financial support to help knock out hunger in Northeastern Wisconsin.

“Northeast Wisconsin is a great place to live, but it often goes unnoticed that one in five children go to bed hungry every day. We are excited to be part of a solution that can help end cycles of poverty by providing human connection in the forms of time and talent, and funding for key programs”, says Wilson Jones, CEO Oshkosh Corporation.

“Music brings people together, makes you smile when you are sad and helps you to forget all of your worries. Nothing is as strong as music for bringing people together to start the conversation on how to help our community heal and grow,” says Cathy Gustavson, Vice President of Marketing, Fox Communities Credit Union. “We’re proud to be a part of the Refuge Foundation of the Arts that is making Northeast Wisconsin a place to drive to rather than through.”

“This is a unique opportunity to holistically address the root causes of issues that many of our community members face every day,” says Cory Chisel, President and co-founder of Refuge Foundation for the Arts. “Thanks to our partnerships with Oshkosh Corporation and Fox Communities Credit Union, we are able to lay the foundation for our future generations and participate in the healing of those of us who seek it.”

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**About Refuge Foundation for the Arts:** Refuge Foundation For The Arts is a non-profit organization providing sanctuary for the pursuit of creative expression through music and art. Founded in response to the lack of resources available to artists today, it is the mission of The Refuge to offer patronage and opportunity to creators in a supportive and collaborative environment. Bordered by the Fox River in Appleton, WI and built in 1935 by Capuchin-Franciscan monks, our beautiful 33,000 square foot facility houses recording studios, art studios, and artist residences amid ten acres of protected nature, gardens, and orchards. For more information, please visit [www.refugearts.org](http://www.refugearts.org).

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