

Maranatha concert benefits Dominican Republic hospital



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WALLINGFORD — Bill Wadsworth has been to La Romana, Dominican Republic and seen the need for quality health care.

So when the 66-year-old town resident heard The Maranatha band was coming to town Saturday night, he decided to use the opportunity to help The Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana.

The Wadsworth Family Foundation, a tax-exempt foundation that gives to worthwhile causes and individuals around the world, will match any donation of at least \$50 up to \$5,000 given at Saturday night's concert to benefit the hospital.

The Maranatha band will play a free concert Saturday at Lyman Hall High School, 70 Pond Hill Road, at 7 p.m.

The band consists of more than 20 musicians from La Romana who represent ministries for the poor in the Dominican Republic including The Good Samaritan Hospital and the Haitian Missionary Baptist Church. Moises Sifren, administrator of The Good Samaritan Hospital, is a member of the band. The local band Service Station will open the show.

"I've had the privilege to go to La Romana and you just hope when people give to a cause like this, it saves lives," said Wadsworth, the founder and a trustee for the Wadsworth Family Foundation.

Wadsworth is also a member of the Wallingford Rotary Club, which gives annual scholarships to high school students to take the missionary trip to La Romana and helps fund projects to benefit the area.

"This is just a sign of the support we have in this community," said John Powers, a Rotary Club member who is on the board of directors for The Good Samaritan Hospital.

"I think the guys in the band are going to be so excited to hear about this. They're here to have a good time, but they're also here to spread awareness." For more information visit www.drrmissionteam.org or call the First Baptist Church at (203) 269-4796.

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