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News Release

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### **Musical Event Continues Japanese Relief Efforts**

Springfield Sister Cities Association (SSCA) continues its fundraising efforts for those affected by the Japanese earthquake and tsunami by partnering with Lindberg's, 318 W. Commercial St., where three local bands will perform from 5:30 – 10 p.m., Wednesday, April 13.

M-Dock Band, one of Springfield's most popular bands, has traveled to Isesaki with SSCA and will headline the evening with a variety of rock and roll from 1980s to today. Lija Fonner will kick-off the evening with a mix of folk rock music, followed by The Queen City Kats, who perform rockabilly and have also sent a few band members to Springfield's sister city of Isesaki, Japan.

No admission fees will be charged during this concert, but patrons are encouraged to make a donation to the cause. SSCA has raised more than \$40,000 to send as a first installment to Isesaki and looks forward to sending more.

Isesaki residents raised funds and sent nine Master Gardeners to Springfield to help rebuild the Japanese Stroll Garden at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park following the 2007 ice storm. They also sent funds to Springfield following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and Hurricane Katrina, entrusting their American counterparts to send the money to where they thought it would do the most good in each case.

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