

BLACKBERRY SMOKE TEAMS UP WITH CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

PLEDGES TO MATCH \$50,000 IN DONATIONS FOR THE AFLAC CANCER AND BLOOD DISORDERS CENTER FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES INCLUDE AUCTIONS, VIP MEET & GREETINGS AND MORE



Blackberry Smoke presenting their donation to the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Photo credit: Evan Bartleson

Blackberry Smoke is working with **Children's Healthcare of Atlanta** to raise money and awareness for the **Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center** in support of **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**. The band has created a special donation page where friends and fans can contribute to the cause and learn more about the organization: www.blackberrysmoke.com/choa.

Throughout the month of September, Blackberry Smoke will spearhead several fundraising initiatives including auctions for four different autographed guitars: a custom Short Mountain acoustic guitar and three Cigar Box Guitars. The Short Mountain guitar features the Children's logo as well as signatures from Blackberry Smoke, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Alabama, Charlie Daniels Band, Jamey Johnson and Lukas Nelson among several others. The band will also host VIP Meet & Greets in addition to several other events that will be announced later this month. All proceeds go to the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

To kick off Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, the band recently spent a day at Children's, visiting patients' rooms, delivering gifts and performing for patients, families and staff. They also presented the hospital with a check for \$50,000—honoring their pledge to match that amount in donations. The Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorder Center is an organization very close to Blackberry Smoke, especially for drummer Brit Turner. Brit's daughter, Lana, was diagnosed with Stage IV Neuroblastoma in December of 2009 at age 3, with cancer in 97% of her bone marrow. After undergoing rigorous treatment at the Center, Lana is now a happy and healthy 11-year-old.

Of his family's time at Children's, Turner states, "I've never experienced anything like it before or since, they're just the most caring people you can imagine...you obviously don't want to be in the hospital with your kid but don't want to leave because the care is so good."

Blackberry Smoke works throughout the year to raise money and awareness for this cause. Over the summer, the band raised over \$6,000 for Children's during their Brothers and Sisters Reunion weekend in Maryville, TN. During the two day event, the band partnered with Smoky Mountain Harley Davidson for the 1st Annual Brothers and Sisters charity motorcycle ride and raffled off a one-of-a-kind, hand painted Biltwell motorcycle helmet as well as a custom painted and pinstriped Harley Davidson-Sportster gas tank. Additionally, the band hosts their "Brothers and Sisters Holiday Homecoming Show" each fall at The Tabernacle in Atlanta, GA. In the five years since the concert began, the band has donated almost \$200,000 to pediatric cancer research.

Since their debut in 2001, the 5-piece band—consisting of Charlie Starr (lead vocals, guitar), Richard Turner (bass, vocals), Brit Turner (drums), Paul Jackson (guitar, vocals), and Brandon Still (keyboards)—has released six full-length studio albums, including their most recent, *Find A Light*, which was released earlier this year to widespread acclaim (purchase [here](#)). They will also release a new EP, *The Southern Ground Sessions*, on October 26, which was created as an acoustic accompaniment to *Find A Light*. Additionally, the acclaimed American rock band will continue their extensive world tour this fall. See below for complete tour details.

BLACKBERRY SMOKE CONFIRMED TOUR DATES

September 7—New York, NY—Irving Plaza*

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September 11—Ridgefield, CT—The Ridgefield Playhouse†

September 13—Concord, NH—Capitol Center For The Arts-Chubb Theatre†

September 14—Orono, ME—Collins Center for the Performing Arts†

September 15—Fredericton, Canada—Harvest Jazz & Blues Festival

September 16—Webster, MA—Indian Ranch Amphitheatre†

September 18—Toronto, Ontario—The Danforth Music Hall†

September 19—Buffalo, NY—Town Ballroom

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September 21—Stroudsburg, PA—Sherman Theater†
September 22—Cleveland, OH—House of Blues†
September 23—Louisville, KY—Bourbon & Beyond Festival
October 4—Mobile, AL—Saenger Theatre Mobile
October 5—West Helena, AR—King Biscuit Blues Festival
October 12—Frankfurt, Germany—Batschkapp
October 13—Bonn, Germany—Harmonie Club
October 14—Basel, Switzerland—Z7 Pratteln
October 16—Zurich, Switzerland—Kaufleuten
October 17—Munich, Germany—Tonhalle
October 18—Milan, Italy—Alcatraz
October 20—Berlin, Germany—Huxleys
October 21—Hannover, Germany—Capitol
October 23—Stockholm, Sweden—Cirkus
October 24—Gothenburg, Sweden—Pustervik
October 25—Oslo, Norway—Sentrum Scene
October 27—Weert, Netherlands—Bosuil
October 28—Amsterdam, Netherlands—Melkweg
October 29—Brussels, Belgium—Ancienne Belgique
October 31—Paris, France—Le Caberet Sauvage
November 2—Newcastle, U.K.—02 Academy‡
November 3—Glasgow, U.K.—02 Academy
November 4—Nottingham, U.K.—Rock City
November 6—Belfast, Ireland—The Telegraph Building
November 7—Dublin, Ireland—National Stadium
November 9—Cardiff, U.K.—Tramshed‡
November 10—Birmingham, U.K.—02 Academy‡
November 11—Bristol, U.K.—02 Academy‡
November 13—Southampton, U.K.—Guildhall
November 15—London, U.K.—02 Shepherds Bush Empire
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November 17—Manchester, U.K.—02 Apollo
November 23—Atlanta, GA—The Tabernacle
December 6—Philadelphia, PA—The Fillmore§
December 7—Port Chester, NY—The Capitol Theatre
December 8—Clifton Park, NY—Upstate Concert Hall
January 6-12, 2019—Tampa, FL—2019 Southern Rock Cruise

*with The Texas Gentlemen

†with The Quaker City Night Hawks

‡with Junkyard

§with Karl Densons Tiny Universe

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