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FATHER DAVID MICHAEL RAISES HALF A MILLION DOLLARS FOR CHARITY

The 2023 installment of Concert for Life reaches a milestone with \$500,000 total raised to support Houston Pregnancy Help Center's community services program.

David Michael Moses was only 18 years old when he energetically took the stage to launch *Concert for Life* hoping to raise funds for Houston Pregnancy Help Center. With a setlist including unique titles like "Prayer Party" and "Coffee Filter," the wonder of where this young man with a distinctly playful voice had come from— and where he would possibly be going— was the talk of the night. More than a kid with a guitar and a prayerbook, what people witnessed that fateful summer night was a leap of faith that revived a movement.

The inaugural *Concert for Life* at the University of Houston hosted 500 guests and raised \$30,000. Today, that young man is the dearly loved Father David Michael, who has invited his audiences to join him on his journey as a seminarian and musician for the past 11 years. He's steadily grown the reach of *Concert for Life* from a one-man acoustic set to a full-blown production complete with a band of catholic priests, mosh pits, crowd surfing, and light display—all playing to sold-out crowds year after year. The dedication has come with a payoff. As last night's rendition of the concert closed, the news that the fundraising efforts this year had surpassed \$100,000 accompanied the fact that *Concert for Life* had hit half a million dollars raised in the concert's lifetime.



Father David Michael and his band play a sold-out show at the Bayou Music Center in Houston, Texas.

And he has done all this for mothers and babies. Every year, Father David Michael takes the stage to reflect on the sanctity of human life. In an era when this issue has provoked intense controversy, he boldly calls people to stand up and protect the most vulnerable members of our community. All proceeds raised by *Concert for Life* benefit Houston Pregnancy Help Center, whose mission is to provide practical and compassionate support to women in unplanned pregnancy situations. They empower women to choose life for their unborn child through free services and resources. It is a mission that Father David Michael fully supports and has compelled tens of thousands of people to join him in reviving the movement for life. "Father David Michael is singlehandedly impacting the efforts of the pro-life catholic population in Houston, and lives are being saved every day because of it," expressed Sylvia B. Johnson, Executive Director of Houston Pregnancy Help Center.

The future definitely looks bright for Father David Michael Moses. He has won the hearts of many, moved thousands of enthused youths, and encouraged older generations to enjoy the presence of God in a new way. Unsurprisingly, his online profile has exploded and with it, so have the hopes of taking *Concert for Life* on the road. "So many people come from outside Houston for the concert. It looks like the stage is setting for a possible tour," shared a *Concert for Life* representative. Regardless of where life may take him, Houston will always have the honor of being home to the original "prayer party."



David Michael Moses launches Concert for Life in the summer of 2012.