

Christine Lavin and Don White Perform for MCREST

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Roseville, Mich., Nov. 15, 2010 – Contemporary singer-songwriters Christine Lavin and Don White will perform an uplifting two-fer of comedy and song Saturday, Dec. 4 at the WCS Performing Arts Center in Sterling Heights. The 8 p.m. concert benefiting MCREST (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) will feature Lavin's unique brand of original fan favorites (*What Was I Thinking?*) and White's captivating stories and songs of home life (*Be Sixteen with Me*). Highlighting common pitfalls we all share, Lavin and White engage audiences a melodic experience that's frequently funny and often poignant.

With 19 solo albums spanning more than two decades, Lavin has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Most Influential Artists of the Last 15 Years by *Performing Songwriter Magazine*. She hosts Slipped Discs on Sirius XM Radio's folk station, The Village, and is a founding member of the popular female musical group, the Four Bitchin' Babes. Lavin recently released a critically-acclaimed book, *Cold Pizza for Breakfast: A Mem-wha?*, to celebrate her 25 years of songwriting and performance. Her music has been featured in several off Broadway productions, performed by such artists as Betty Buckley, Sutton Foster, and Andrea Marcovicci.

During a career that has spanned two decades, White has released seven albums, two DVDs, and an autobiography, *Memoirs of a C Student*. Born and raised in Lynn, MA, White offers a rare combination of humor and sentimentality that's rooted in his love for his family and his sense of community. Often heard locally on WCSX's Overeasy program on Sunday mornings, White recently finished his eighth studio album, *Winning Streak*.

Proceeds from the concert will support MCREST, a nonprofit organization that serves the homeless in Macomb County by providing food and shelter to individuals and families year 'round through a network of nearly 85 churches that house the program in rotating weeks. In addition to overnight accommodations, MCREST participants receive three meals daily, shower facilities, transportation and, often, laundry assistance.

A highlight of the Dec. 4 benefit concert will be the intermission presentation of the first ever Good Samaritan Award honoring three volunteers from the 10,000 who provide shelter 365 days-a-year to Macomb County's homeless through the MCREST program. Selected by community-wide vote, the recipients will be honored for displaying outstanding "mercy to their neighbors."

Reserved seating, at \$20 and \$30, is available in advance by visiting www.mcrest.org or calling 586-415-5101. The WCS Performing Arts Center is located at 12901 Fifteen Mile Rd.