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OS TO HOST BIG BENEFIT CONCERT THIS THURSDAY, FEATURING BOBBY RUSH

Operation Shoestring, an interfaith community development nonprofit organization that has served disadvantaged families in the metropolitan Jackson, Mississippi community for 35 years, is having a **holiday music benefit at Hal & Mal's** on **Thursday, December 11**, 6:00 p.m. 'til midnight. The event will benefit Operation Shoestring's **Project KIDS after-school and summer camp program**. Twelve bands will appear on three stages, with blues legend **Bobby Rush** as the headliner.

Admission is \$10 per person. Advance tickets are available through Operation Shoestring, or you can pay at the door. Companies/individuals may sponsor a reserved table for a minimum \$250 donation (which includes 10 tickets). Call Robert Langford at 353-6336 for details, or visit <http://www.operationshoestring.org/>.

Operation Shoestring takes a holistic, long-term approach to helping these families become and remain self-sufficient. Our goal is to serve as a ministry of empowerment for local residents, as well as a rallying point for reconciliation in the larger community. Operation Shoestring was founded in 1968 in the basement of Wells United Methodist Church, and we are celebrating our 35th anniversary this fall. We receive financial and volunteer support from a variety of private individuals, corporations, local congregations, and public entities. Currently our efforts are focused on educating children and families, although we do provide some emergency assistance for families with the greatest need.

We hope to see you at the show on Thursday night. Here's the evening's full lineup:

"BIG ROOM" (MAIN STAGE):

7:45-8:45: Brother Sartin and the Soulshine Band
9-10:30: Bobby Rush
11-until: High Frequency

SOULSHINE STAGE:

6:45-7:45: Lydia Brantley
8-9:15: Eric Stracener
9:30-10:45: Nekisopaya
11- until: Living Better Electrically

HAL AND MAL'S (RESTAURANT):

6-6:45: Stacia
7-7:45: Brian Fuente
8-8:45: Barry Leach with Glenn Arnold
9-10:15: Broken String Band
10:45-until: Scott Albert Johnson Band (with special guests JESSE ROBINSON and CHRIS GILL)