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**Artists and Philanthropists Rally to Raise Funds for Austin-area Children in Need**

**AUSTIN, TX, May 16, 2017** – Summer Jam, the second installment in the Chords for Kids four-concert series benefiting Any Baby Can, kicks off Thursday, May 25, at 7:00 pm at Bethell Hall. The live show will feature music from Texas K.G.B. and Jackie Venson.

The concert series aims to raise awareness and funds for children and families impacted by Any Baby Can. Tickets for each show are just \$30. For more details and ticket sales, visit [www.anybabycan.org/chords-for-kids](http://www.anybabycan.org/chords-for-kids).

Chords for Kids is a combined project of Any Baby Can and philanthropists Bill and Sharon Murray. The Murrays first approached Any Baby Can because they wanted to raise funds and awareness for pediatric health causes served by the nonprofit, such as cancer.

“Childhood cancer is a huge problem, getting bigger and bigger, and the effects on families are immeasurable,” says Bill. “We knew we had to get involved and do something meaningful.”

Third-party fundraising events bolster Any Baby Can’s budget and programs, as well as the nonprofit’s ability to serve.

“We are grateful to the Murrays for envisioning Chords for Kids,” says Any Baby Can President and CEO Andy Miller. “Events like this help us impact more than 6,000 children and families each year, a number that continues to rise through community support and generosity.”

The August 12 performance at ZACH Theatre includes Jane Ellen Bryant, The Austin Chronicle’s 2016-17 pick for Best Female Vocals and Best New Austin Band, and the Peterson Brothers. Harvest Thieves will open for Erin Ivey on December 3 at Spicewood Vineyards.

**About Any Baby Can**

Any Baby Can helps parents raise healthy and happy children by strengthening them through education, therapy and family support services. Services are provided through home-visitation programs, community classes and support groups.

Clients come to Any Baby Can from a variety of referral sources, including other social service agencies, Neonatal Intensive Care Units, pediatricians, hospitals, WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Clinics, school nurses, teachers, family members and friends. For more information, please visit [www.anybabycan.org](http://www.anybabycan.org).

If you know a family in need, we can help. Contact Any Baby Can at 512.454.3743.

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