

Women find power and healing through song

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St. Petersburg, Florida – At the Palladium in St. Petersburg, stagehands and musicians are preparing for a unique performance. Part singing contest, part fundraiser, the Saturday event promises to deliver a whole lot of “wow”.

Professional singer Chantelle Ashby headlines the program. She’s singing out to help women and children who are crying out; half of the concert proceeds got to CASA, a domestic violence shelter in St. Petersburg.

“This is about people getting together and going 'We’re powerful, we’re great and we’re just going to do our thing and overcome all these problems',” says Ashby.

Five women chosen through a series of auditions will also sing their hearts out Saturday. They started out as strangers in a singing contest and have now bonded through a love of music and the CASA cause.

“Seeing so many people hurt and homeless, it touched my heart,” says contestant Tanya LaReese. She’ll perform a song that she composed that speaks of healing.

Saturday’s event is called “Women Taking Care of Music”. It was the brainchild of Jean Harper, who runs a local website for women called [Women Taking Care of Business](#).

And, like their soaring voices, performers aim to leave Saturday’s audience uplifted.

For more information on the concert and tickets, [click here](#).

Information about domestic violence and CASA can be [found here](#).

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