



Hello
Kidney

A fundraiser for
Steve Garron's
Kidney Transplant

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Featuring the 10-year Reunion of Precious
Opening act Marc With a C
Hosted by Larry Fulford
8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10
Will's Pub, 1042 N. Mills Ave., Orlando
\$5

www.stevegarron.com

Hello, Steve!

With his kidneys calling, Steve Garron plans a Precious night

Seventeen-year-old Mickenzie can look forward to VIP status at the 10-year reunion concert for the local band Precious. After all, her dad, Steve Garron, is the singer, songwriter and guitarist for the band – the enigmatic frontman. This is the first time since she was a youngster that she'll witness her favorite band with all three original members – her dad, bassist Joe Panton and drummer Matthew Bloodwell.

It will be a bittersweet night for father and daughter. Steve's been MIA from the music scene for most of the last decade due to a degenerative kidney disorder, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis. The mission behind bringing Precious back to the stage is a grave one: Steve needs a kidney transplant – it's the only way for him to move beyond the dialysis sessions that keep him alive. Qualifying for a transplant is a rigorous process with a long list of requirements, and Steve needs to quickly bank \$3,000 to guarantee the purchase of six months of anti-rejection medication.

That's why the "Hello Kidney" fundraising campaign for Steve was started by his friend and fellow musician Erin Nolan, who encouraged Steve to reach out for help. And right on key, the community responded to Steve's Facebook post:

"My health woes are pretty well known. I've had genetic kidney disease most of my life and on dialysis the last decade. My health has fluctuated over the years but this year I am on track to be back on the official transplant list. I've passed the first round and am slogging through the second round now. The last requirement -- I've been putting this one off till last out of pride maybe? -- Florida Hospital requires me to deposit a minimum of \$3,000 in an escrow account. This will be to ensure my ability to purchase the anti-rejection drugs and the hospital of getting paid if/when my insurance runs low/out."

Though you might not have heard Precious in many years – except on CD -- Steve's been vocal in other ways. Both he and Mickenzie are volunteers at The Mennello Museum of American Art. Steve's been a docent there for five years and came to the museum at the urging of another influential woman in his life – his mom. She pushed him to pursue his passion for the visual arts as he's been battling kidney disease, and he revels in researching art and artists (ask him about Neil Farber) and collecting on the cheap.

Go to SteveGarron.com to donate to his "Hello Kidney" campaign and to hear music by Precious, well-described in a 2003 write-up on Fearofadarkplanet.com: *Drummer Matt Bloodwell drives the Precious rhythm with incredible skill and agility – and he's a master when it comes to stick twirls. Joe Panton holds down the bass line while delivering driving rock licks. Lead vocalist, guitarist and songwriter Steve Garron performs with the vitality of every major frontman in history, from Roger Daltry to Bono.*