



*Makenna & Brock*

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**LANSING EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES JUNE 16 BENEFIT CONCERT FEATURING RISING COUNTRY ARTISTS MAKENNA & BROCK**

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*Springfield, Missouri natives, X Factor stars and critically acclaimed duo will headline family-friendly evening to raise funds to enhance excellence in education for local students.*

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**WHO:** Lansing Educational Foundation

**WHAT:** Benefit Concert Featuring Makenna & Brock with Taylor Lynn Cullen, Opening Artist

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 16, 2018: VIP Tent 5 p.m. – 6 -p.m.; Box Office Opens 5:30 p.m.; General Admission **Gates** 5:45 p.m.; Performance 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Lansing High School Football Stadium, 1412 147<sup>th</sup> St., Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

**RAINOUT LOCATION:** Lansing High School Gymnasium

**TICKETS ON SALE:** VIP, \$40; General, \$20; Student, \$10. Purchase tickets [here](#).

**WHY:** The Lansing Education Foundation (LEF) will host its first-ever benefit concert on June 16 at the Lansing High School Football Stadium featuring rising country stars Makenna & Brock. Funds raised will support LEF's mission of enhancing excellence in the learning environment in partnership with the schools and community. Leavenworth native indie singer-songwriter Taylor Lynn Cullen will be the concert's opening artist.

Hailing from Springfield, Missouri, Makenna Sullinger and Brock Wade met in 2007 while performing at a Children's Miracle Network benefit show; they instantly connected both on and off stage and ended up becoming a permanent duo and great friends. Makenna and Brock's big break came in the summer of 2011 when they captured the hearts of millions of viewers and were selected as top 12-group finalists on the American version of Simon Cowell's hit television show, *The X Factor*, on Fox. One of the last remaining country artists on the show, Makenna and Brock and were critically acclaimed by some of the most renowned figures in the music industry, including Simon Cowell, Paula Abdul, Cheryl Cole, Nicole Scherzinger, and chairman and chief executive officer of Island Def Jam Music Group, L.A. Reid. Following their success, they were featured in *People Magazine*, *Washington Post*, *Country Daily* and *Rolling Stone* and high-profile websites like *CNN.com*, *CBS.com*, and *MTV.com*. The rock-driven country duo tours throughout the country and is currently in Nashville working on the release of their new EP.

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"Quality education in the Lansing schools is provided by a staff that understands and respects each student's unique developmental, educational, and social needs," says LEF President Christine Aus. "Access to a superior education is essential for developing academic, occupational and personal success as a productive citizen. We're pleased to have the community's support in organizing this benefit concert to help make our vision a reality."

"The benefit concert featuring Makenna and Brock will be a fun and exciting event for the whole family," says benefit concert chair Janelle Moburg. "We are thrilled to have performers of this caliber, along with Taylor Lynn Cullen, to help not only raise funds for the Lansing Educational Foundation Fund, but also raise awareness of the critical importance education plays in our children's lives and their futures. The community's participation in not only organizing the benefit, but in sponsoring, volunteering and purchasing tickets is vital to its success."

For more information, including sponsorships and volunteer opportunities, contact LEF executive director Niveveh Carvan at [niveveh.carvan@usd469.net](mailto:niveveh.carvan@usd469.net) or 913-727-1100 ext.1111. For event and ticket information, visit <http://www.lansingedfoundation.org/index.php/events/foundation-events>.

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### **About The Lansing Educational Foundation**

The Lansing Educational Foundation was founded in 2004 with 11 Charter Members. These members expressed a desire for the Lansing Board of Education to establish a foundation for the School District for the pursuit of excellence in education. Now governed by a 21-member Board of Directors, with the support of a part-time director and the district superintendent, the Foundation's focus is on educational excellence, both in academics and fine arts. The Foundation offers additional opportunities for Lansing students through grants to district staff and special projects. Since its inception, LEF has granted over \$200,000 to the Lansing School District in innovative Educate the Pride grants, building grants, major gifts and special projects. The Lansing Educational Foundation is dedicated to the support of public education to provide opportunities for all students to develop the attributes needed to be critical, creative thinkers, life-long learners, and responsible citizens in a global community. A component fund of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, the Lansing Educational Foundation Fund encourages excellence through supporting district teachers and staff by recognizing exceptional contributions and funding innovative learning opportunities; enhances the K - 12 learning environment through providing additional materials and resources; provides funding for programs to meet unique needs; promotes a high-functioning learning environment; and fosters collaboration and partnerships among the schools and community. For more information, visit <http://lansingedfoundation.org>.