



Mid-Life Crisis Rocks for a Cause with Summer Christmas Concert in Layton

Description

LAYTON, Utah—Dust off your jingle bells and picnic blankets, local favorite *Mid-Life Crisis* is bringing the holiday spirit early with a special Christmas fundraiser concert on **Saturday, August 2**, at **Layton City's Kenley Amphitheater**. The event kicks off at **7 p.m.**, with gates opening at **6 p.m.**, and admission is a **minimum donation of just \$5**—all to support the **Sub for Santa program** benefitting local families in crisis.

Formed in 2001 as a one-night-only gig, *Mid-Life Crisis* quickly became a beloved staple of Utah's local music and theater scene. Now, over two decades and 220 performances later, the band is known for its joyful energy, toe-tapping 60s and 70s tunes, and generous community spirit. The current lineup includes lead singer and founder **Dave Thomas**, veteran performer **Teresa Sanderson** on vocals, and her husband **Barry Sanderson** on drums—along with the crowd-favorite **Over the Hill Horns** adding brass flair.

Full band playing

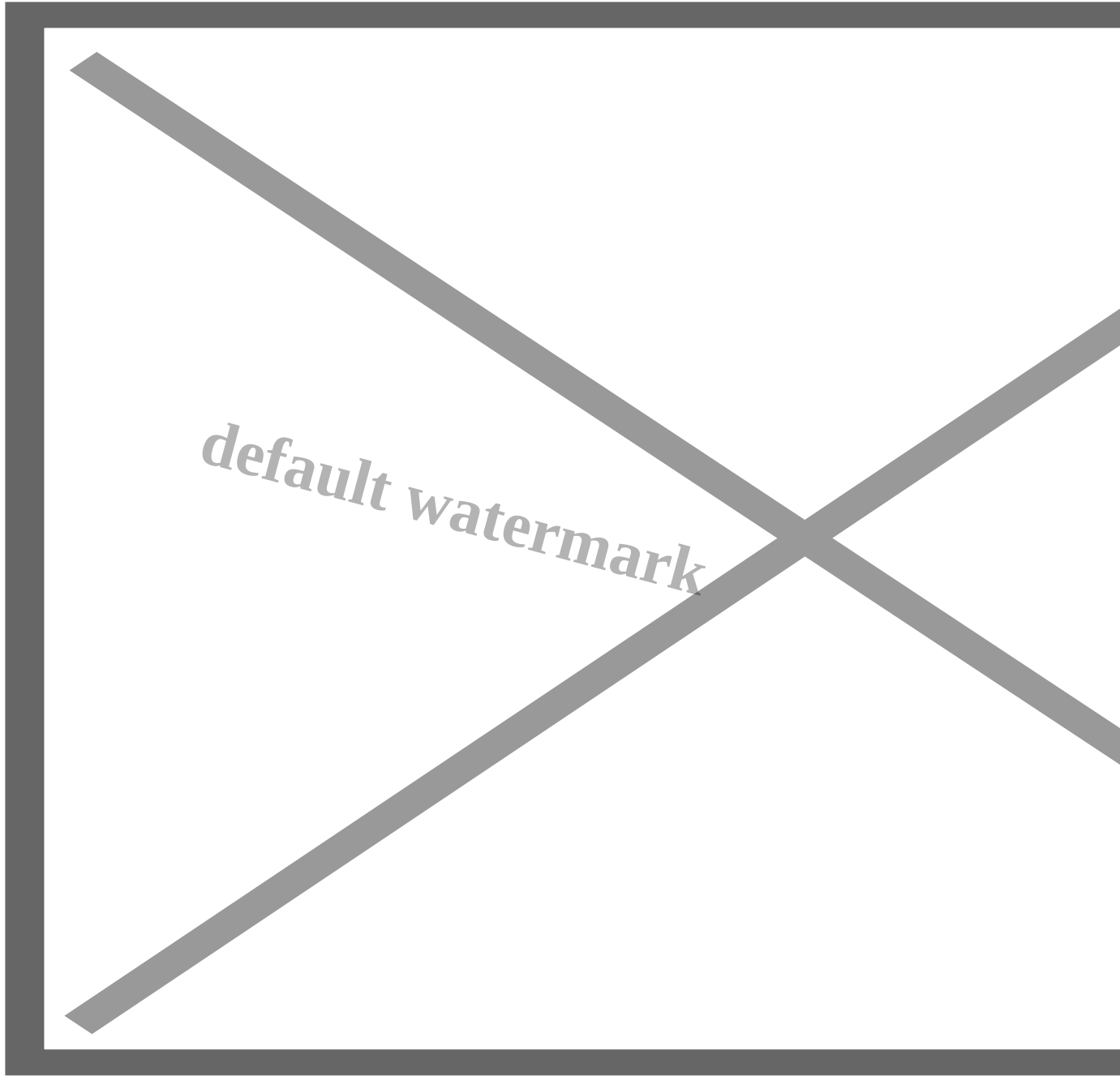
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This summer, come for the music—but stay for the mission. *Mid-Life Crisis* is proving that even in the heat of August, a little holiday spirit—and a whole lot of heart—can go a long way. Because now more than ever, families need to know that joy, kindness, and community are still possible.

“This band wasn't supposed to last,” Thomas laughs. “But we had so much fun—and so did the crowd—that we just kept going.” That fun-loving ethos shows up in every concert. Expect sing-alongs, retro hits, and lighthearted banter that makes the evening feel more like a backyard party than a formal show.

But behind the good times is a powerful mission. All proceeds from this special show go directly to *Sub for Santa*, a program Thomas has championed for 20 years through Layton City. The fundraiser supports families—particularly survivors of domestic abuse—who are referred by the city's Victim Advocate and often must flee their homes at a moment's notice. With community support, the program provides children and caregivers with both basic necessities and meaningful holiday gifts, offering hope and healing during a time that can feel hopeless. “We're seeing more families in

need every year,â?• says Thomas.

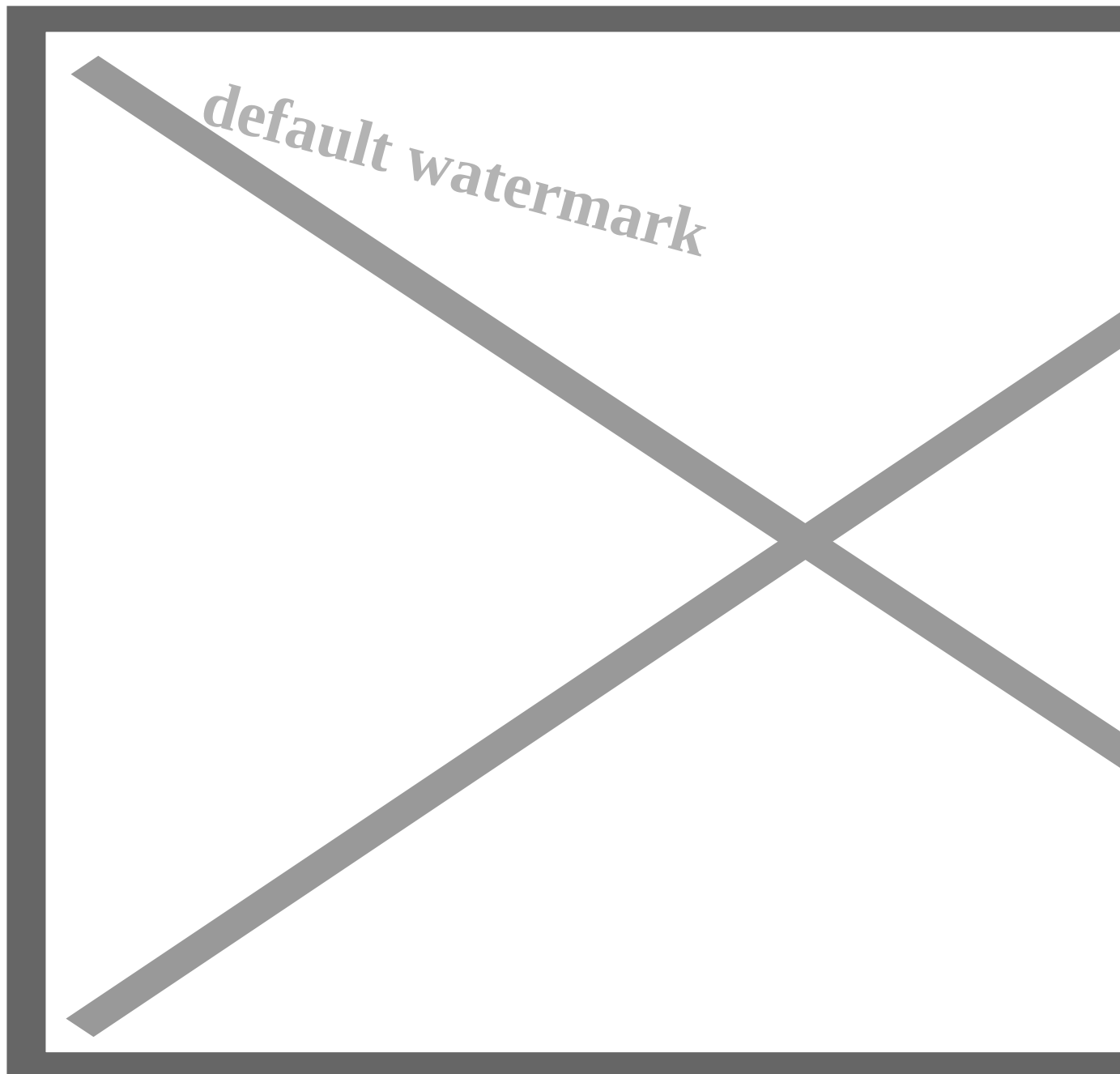


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â??Our Sub for Santa serves the Victim Advocate at Layton City. All our proceeds go for Christmas to families that have been separated because of an abusive spouse. Most of the families have left their home in the middle of the night or when the abusive spouse was not there.â?•
â??*Dave Thomas*â??

This concert helps the community say: “we see you, and you’re not alone.” The need for joy, stability, and kindness has never been greater. In the face of rising housing insecurity, inflation, and the emotional toll of violence and displacement, programs like Sub for Santa remind us that community care isn’t just seasonal—it’s essential. “We try to bring a little light into a dark time,” Thomas adds. “And every donation, no matter the size, helps.”

Building on that spirit, Teresa Sanderson adds, “Everyone gets busy around Christmas time with Sub for Santa but we like to get a jump start. It helps us target individuals and organizations that might need a little extra help. We usually celebrate in July, you know, Christmas in July, but this year we will go with the first Saturday in August.” Not only are they creating space for joy, generosity, and meaningful connection—they’re also reminding us that care and community don’t have to wait until December.



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Concert Details

ð?? Saturday, August 2, 2025

â° Gates open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m.

ð???ï, • *Minimum \$5 donation at the gate (many give more!)*

ð?? • *Bring a picnicâ??concessions unavailable; alcohol is prohibited*

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[For more info about The Kenley Amphitheater go HERE](#)

Expect two lively 40-minute sets, a fun prize drawing at intermission, and a sea of singing, clapping, and dancing under the summer stars. The band encourages full audience participationâ??if you know the words, sing along!

And for those who canâ??t attend but still want to support this vital cause, donations are accepted via **Venmo** or by contacting Dave Thomas directly at **801-499-1860**.

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