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Town of Andover
Department of Community Services

Andover Cares Community Festival

The Andover Rotary Club and the Town of Andover's Department of Community Services are proudly co-sponsoring the third annual Andover Cares Community Festival on Saturday, October 7, 2017. This **free event** aims to bring the entire community together for a **family-friendly festival** with the mission of raising funds to support substance abuse intervention, education, and wellness.

The Andover Cares Community Festival will take place outside at the Cormier Youth Center from 3:00-9:00 pm with various activities and entertainment throughout the day.

To start things off, between **3:00-6:00 pm** there will be activities and games for kids of all ages such as a bounce house moon walk, obstacle course, jousting challenge, face painting, bean bag toss, and other carnival games. Coinciding with these activities will be a Battle of the Bands competition for local youth bands who will be contending for the award of studio time with Big-T Productions, as well as food concessions, free door prizes, raffle items, and a 50/50 raffle. There will also be resource tents, speakers, and information about nutrition, fitness, health & wellness, preventing substance abuse, addiction treatment, and family support services.

During the second half of the Festival, from **6:00-9:00 pm**, Andover Cares has put together an entertainment showcase of three headlining bands to provide live music for the crowds. Reggae band Sista Dee & Dis N' Dat will kick off the night from 6:00-7:00 pm. Generation H, comprised of Regi Hendrix (Jimi Hendrix's cousin) & Jerry Valdez (drummer from Jimi Hendrix's band), will take the stage from 7:00-8:00 pm, and the culminating performance will be by Beatles cover band Beatle Juice, from 8:00-9:00 pm.

The Andover Cares Community Festival is open to everyone and is a great way to support a wonderful cause while also having fun and connecting with the community.

Tax deductible donations are welcome and can be made via www.Eventbrite.com/Andover-Cares-Community-Festival or by mailing a check to: Andover Cares Fund, c/o Rotary Club, P.O. Box, Andover, MA 01810. Sponsorships are also available to local businesses with information at www.andovercares.org/sponsorship. All profits from this event will go to support the Andover Cares Fund, which provides grants to support addiction & substance abuse awareness, education & prevention efforts and services. For more information visit www.AndoverCares.org or email andovercaresinfo@gmail.com.