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# Giving the gift of song

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**TRENTON** — Some local musicians have gotten together to give the gift of song to a group that makes a gift of life.

The organization in fact is called the Gift of Life Foundation and they work nationally to increase public awareness about organ donation.

Locally, a group of musicians, including sultry songstress Lisa Bouchelle, have come together to help spread their message through music.

On Thursday, Bouchelle and Trenton musician and producer Ernie White, recorded the song "Done Vida" for the organization.

The song's title is Latin for donate life and Bouchelle said it's been rewarding to her to work with the group.

"It's meant a lot to me to be able to give back," Bouchelle said. "It's a wonderful program that gives people a second chance at life. It's just amazing."

Bouchelle said she came to work with Gift of Life through her friend "Papa" Carl Anderson.

Anderson, she said, recently received a kidney and liver transplant with help from the Foundation, and has since acquired a new zest for life and has become heavily involved in the local music scene.

"Carl is a wonderful person to the whole community," she said. "Just seeing someone who gets a second chance at life is an eye-opener. It reminds us all to just embrace life and friends and family and music."

Bouchelle said she wrote "Done Vida" with Anderson, originally to be performed at a benefit for the organization earlier this month.

The event was The 2nd Annual Papa Carl Jam for Life, with proceeds from the concert going to the organization.

"It turned out to be a big success," Bouchelle said.



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Lisa Bouchelle sings "Done Vida" accompanied by "Papa" Carl Anderson at Le Blanc Studios in Hamilton.