



**The Bureau for Exceptional Children and Adults with Disabilities**  
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Tickets are adults \$15.00, children 12 and under \$10.00. To obtain tickets, call 538-7450, email [dawn@jerichobeca.org](mailto:dawn@jerichobeca.org) or [Register Online](#)

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Sophie wants to give back to Jericho since they have been such a big part of her family's life. Her grandmother, Brigid Boyle, was in a wheelchair and she used to go to Jericho with her for masses.

Sophie's songs at the Benefit Concert will include pop, rock, and standards. She will be joined by Fr. Francis Reilly, Fred Marion, Traci Minch, DK8 ensemble, and other young singers. Mary Cate Mannion from ABC/Fox WesternMass news will be the emcee.

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The Dan Kane Singers were a beloved 150 member singing group who called Springfield Symphony Hall and the MassMutual Center home for years. Their huge sold out concerts were sponsored by Peter Pan and The Big Y Corporations. The adult group proudly showcased fantastic adult singers while upcoming young stars spotlighting their talents. This reputation continues today with Dan Kane and Friends. Dan has been a teacher in the Westfield Public School system for over 34 years. He performed for President Bill Clinton in Washington, produced a Christmas TV special on public TV57 and has recorded dozens of CDs with the area's best musicians and singers.

Jericho, a registered 501c(3) company, works with parents, families and professionals throughout Western Massachusetts for full inclusion of children and adults with special needs and disabilities into schools and the community at large. Jericho is dedicated to creating the right connections and providing critical disability information through family education, social events and activities, religious training, and partnerships with families, individuals and professionals who are working with or caring for adults or children with special needs or disabilities. All are welcome.

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