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Tickets will go on sale on or about July 1, 2023, for the August 8th is United Way's "Concert for a Cause". This fund-raising event will feature the amazing, wonderful, talented Leslie Blasing from South Padre Island, TX. Blasing performed in 2022 for United Way and those attending fell in love with her show. Several Merrill and surrounding Central Wisconsin "snowbirds" follow her when they are south for the winter. Blasing has a rock-solid reputation and following as she has opened for several popular music artists. Blasing has also received many accolades when named Best Performer in Texas.

This event will be held at the Northwood Veteran Post, Johnson Street, Merrill WI. It is an incredible facility and Blasing said "I love performing in this beautiful facility. I have a big heart for supporting the veterans in any way I can." Corporate sponsors have helped us with this event. Major sponsors are FreMarq Innovations and Crossbridge Community Bank. Other significant sponsors are Brickner's Park City, Park City Credit Union, Pine Ridge Mobil, Nicolet National Bank, Geiss Meat Service, and Merrill Tool & Water Jet. In-kind supporters are Reindl Printing, Northwoods VFW Post, Courtside Furniture and Church Mutual Insurance Company.

Tickets are \$20 per person in advance or \$25 at the door. All tickets will include the concert and a tasty appetizer buffet. They will be available on Eventbrite ticket site online before the tickets get to the ticket outlets. Eventbrite tickets usually have a small service fee.

Ticket outlets for the advance tickets are located at the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce, the Northwoods VFW Post, County Market in Merrill, and all four Park City Credit Union locations (Merrill, Tomahawk, Minocqua, and Rhinelander.), Festival Foods in Wausau, Merrill Foto News office, City Pages office in Wausau, and Buyers Guide office in Rhinelander.

United Way is fortunate to have Lesley Blasing returning to the stage on August 8th. Seriously, mark your calendar for great entertainment, dancing, and fun. Get your tickets after July 1st. August 8th. Support a good cause and have fun doing it. Win, win!

"Concert for a Cause" will help kick-off the fall United Way Campaign. All funds raised will be used to help our 20 United Way funded agencies. The agencies work to positively impact our friends, neighbors, and families in need of assistance. Our focus is financial stability, education, and health. September through October is our annual funding campaign. You can make the difference. If you want to donate, please send your check to Merrill Area United Way, P O Box 813, Merrill, WI 54452. Donations stay local. For more information about Merrill Area United Way visit our website at merrillareaunitedway.org or email Delores.Olsen@merrillareaunitedway.org.