



On the Road Again

Tyler Stephens Floyd County, Kentucky

Tyler Stephens was always singing while growing up. It wasn't long before singing music turned into playing it, and from there, it was a small jump for Stephens—a Martin, Ky., native—to form a band in high school and begin touring throughout eastern Kentucky.

Lots of kids form bands in high school, but few of them actually decide to professionally pursue music as a career the way Stephens did in 2012. At 21 years old, he wanted to branch out and take his tour outside the mountains and across the country.

But touring the country isn't that easy unless you have a way to get from town to town. That's where the Mountain Association for Community and Economic Development stepped in. MACED provided Stephens with a loan that allowed him to purchase a van for touring, as well as some sound equipment.

Now, Stephens is able to take his band on the road in the western United States and back through the South, spreading his message of savoring the things in life that are dearest to your heart across the country in the process. You can learn more about Stephens, and his upcoming tour dates, at his website: www.tylerstephensmusic.com.

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