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Arrested Development Spares A Dime For Homeless

Acclaimed, Grammy Winning Band And EMI Records Group Donate $54,000 From "Mr. Wendal" Royalties To The National Coalition For The Homeless In Honor of "Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?" Day

Pictured standing from left to right: National Coalition for the homeless' Fred Karnes; Arrested Development's Aerle Taree and Nadiroh, and Coalition's Fred Flores and Mike Fabricant. Pictured in front: Arrested Development's Speech. Photo Credit: Gary Gershoff

Chrysalis/ERG recording artists **Arrested Development,** winners of the 1993 Grammy awards as "Best New Artist" and "Best Rap Performance" have donated a check for $54,174.52 to the National Coalition for the Homeless. The amount includes the royalties from the hip-hop group's hit single, "Mr. Wendal," along with a matching dollar-for-dollar total contributed by the band's label, Chrsalis/ERG.

Group leader Speech, who recently delivered the keynote speech at this year's CMJ Music Marathon convention in New York City, presented a check for the amount to the organization's Fred Karnas and Mike Fabricant. Also on hand for the presentation were band members Aerle Taree and Nadirah along with ERG President/CEO, Daniel Glass and Sr. Director, Rap Music, Lindsey Williams.

"Mr.Wendal," from the band's triple platinum-plus debut, 3years, 5 months and 2 days in the life of..., deals directly with the homeless situation in lyrics such as "Never thought twice about spending on a ole bum until I had the chance to really get to know one! Now that I know 'em to give him money isn't charity, he gives me some knowledge I buy him some food..."

"We believe that homelessness is the fault of the government and the system. The basic liberties and the pursuit of happiness should be a way of life, not a privilege. We decided that instead of merely blaming the system or complaining about it, we'd write about it, do something about it," explains Speech.

Daniel Glass comments, "Only the most unique and talented artists can effect change in the world with their music. Arrested Development's 'Mr. Wendal' did more for the homeless than many of today's politicians."

National Council for the Homeless officials hope Arrested Development's donation serves as a springboard for "Brother Can You Spare A Dime?" day on November 18, 1993 the first national fund-raising day for homeless people. The event is slated to be marked throughout the month of November 14-20, 1993, cosponsored by NCH along with the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness and Oxfam America.

Arrested Development are currently in the Deep South, writing and recording the follow-up to their successful debut album set for a Spring '94 release.

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"Gunderson is a fine Oregon company with a long-established reputation for producing quality equipment," Governor Roberts said. "We're very pleased today to add another dimension to the state's on-going partnership with the company, and pleased as well with the cooperation we've seen here between Gunderson and the City of Springfield."

The training program funded by the Governor's Strategic Reserve provides a highly intensive course to give the new Gunderson employees a working knowledge of the safe use of hand tools and other equipment in the facility. Gunderson has a long established record of quality training to both enhance productivity and ensure safety. (Peggy Eberle, OEDD, 373-1290)

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