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FLAME TO PLAY ROCK FOR ABILITIES CONCERT

Proceeds to benefit the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts

Gloversville, NY – To celebrate National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, Flame, Lexington’s world-renowned rock band, will perform a “Rock for Abilities” concert on March 31, 2017. It will be held at Lexington’s Gloversville facility located at 127 East State Street from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$5.00 each and are available at Lexington’s Johnstown, Gloversville and Oppenheim locations, the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce and Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event. Audience members are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate in exchange for the chance to win a door prize.

This concert is part of the Lexington Gives Back initiative and all donated non-perishable food items will benefit local food pantries. Previous concerts have collected hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food items. Hundreds of Lexington employees,

program participants and family members have helped make the projects such a success. Lexington participates in fundraising and food collection throughout the year to benefit a variety of community agencies.

The proceeds from the concert will go to fund Flame's new recording studio at the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, a year-round arts center that provides classes, exhibitions, entertainment and special events to people of all ages and abilities. The arts center serves as Flame's "home base." Money from the concert will go toward buying new instruments and equipment and recording new music at the studio.

To accompany the concert, Lexington is sponsoring a poster contest about attitudes toward people with disabilities. The contest is open to students at Fulton County elementary, middle and high school students. Winners will have their work displayed at the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts' Fulton Montgomery Counties Art Show, which runs May 5 to June 5.

For more information about the concert or the poster contest, please contact Maria Nestle, Flame's manager, at (518) 661-9932, ext. 164 or nestlem@lexcenter.org.

Lexington, a Chapter of NYSARC, Inc., is a private, not-for-profit agency providing a wide range of services to adults and children who are disabled in Fulton and Albany Counties. Created in 1953 by a group of concerned parents, Lexington is recognized as one of the leading agencies of its kind in New York State.

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