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HOPE YOU GOT TALENT LOOKING FOR LOCAL PERFORMERS

East Central Illinois has talent and this is your chance to showcase the performing arts while vying for a \$1,000 grand prize.

Charleston, Illinois, March 2020 - HOPE of East Central Illinois along with the Eastern Illinois Police Department are now accepting audition videos for their HOPE You Got Talent event. The deadline to submit an audition video is March 31, 2020. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 25th at Doudna Fine Arts Center from 7pm until 9pm, coinciding with Eastern Illinois University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' Spring Fest 2020!

Do you sing? Play in a band? Dance? Are you a comedian, magician, or a juggler? Everyone is invited to enter, but contestants are encouraged to keep it family friendly. Interested performers should send an email to Info@hope-eci.org to receive the Official Rules and submission information.

After the March 31, 2020 deadline for submissions, a panel of local guest judges will determine the finalists. Those finalists will perform live at the April 25th event, where the judges will select the winning act to receive a \$1,000 cash prize. The runner up will also receive a cash prize of \$500.

Community members who wish to support the performing arts, local talent, and HOPE of East Central Illinois are encouraged to mark their calendars. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase at the Doudna Box office or online at the Doudna website.

All proceeds from the event will benefit HOPE of East Central Illinois, a non-profit agency that has been serving victims of domestic violence for over 40 years. Services provided include a 24-hour crisis hotline, emergency shelter, counseling, legal advocacy, children's services, support groups, and referrals in Coles, Cumberland, Clark, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, and Shelby Counties.

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