“The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself...I am the LORD your God.”

- Leviticus 19:33-34

Refugee Alexis Ruberitware and his family of six arrived in Cleveland in late 2007 after fleeing war-torn Burundi. They were quickly connected to Building Hope in the City’s ministry for African refugees including ESL, children’s ministries and a weekly Swahili worship service.

Within just a few months of resettling and beginning a new life in this country, Alexis was tragically hit by an automobile and is now a paraplegic. The BHITC volunteers who have come to know and love Alexis and his family have organized a series of benefit concerts to raise financial support for the Ruberitwares.

Please be our guest at one of the following freewill concerts to enjoy the music and fellowship. You’ll also have the opportunity to meet Alexis and his family and learn about the increasing number of refugees resettling in Northeast Ohio and the opportunity it provides God’s people for mission and ministry.

benefit concert schedule

Friday, August 29 @ 7 pm
St. Peter Lutheran Church
18000 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Hts.

Violinist Brittany Kubiak and pianist Florence Mustric provide an evening of duets and solos including:

The Lark Ascending by R. Vaughn Williams, and jazz pieces by Gershwin.

Friday, September 5 @ 7 pm
Faith Lutheran Church
2265 Garden Drive, Avon

Baldwin-Wallace conservatory string students Tanya Rogers (violin), Brittany Kubiak (violin), Amanada Ramey (viola), Vicki Hamm (cello) perform Barber’s Adaigo, Holst’s St. Paul Suite, and Britten’s The Simple Symphony.

September 25 @ 7:30 pm
The Brothers’ Lounge
11609 Detroit Ave., Cleveland

7:30 pm - Opening sets from local Christian folk groups.
9:30 pm - The Extremes, classic rock band all the way from Sweden.

Checks can be made out to Building Hope in the City - Benevolence Fund, a new designated fund within BHITC that provides assistance to individuals in need. All gifts to the Benevolence Fund are tax-deductible.