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Coventry High School Student Raises \$1,658 for Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

A fundraiser was organized as part of a high school project.

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16-year-old Michaela Manco, a junior at Coventry High School, recently raised \$1,658.00 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island at a three-band rock concert benefit she organized called *Wishstock*. The concert was held on Nov. 12 at the Olde Theater Diner in Coventry.

Interested in pursuing a career in music management, Michaela organized every aspect of *Wishstock* as part

of her high school capstone project, including scouting bands for the concert, selling tickets and promoting the event, and organizing a raffle for the concert. She sold tickets to the concert for \$5, as well as sold \$1 raffle tickets. She was also able to locate numerous local businesses who kindly donated gift cards and other prizes.

Michaela chose to host *Wishstock* to benefit Make-A-Wish because she strongly believes in the mission of the Foundation. The total donation that Michaela was able to raise was double what she expected and she now hopes to make *Wishstock* an annual event.

Michaela will be graduating one-year early from Coventry High School this spring and will be furthering her education at Johnson & Wales University in the fall where she plans to study Marketing & Advertising and Event Management.