

# CHARLOTTESVILLE VIRGINIA OPERATION LOVE CONCERT

## ABOUT

Operation Love Concert is a benefit concert for Charlottesville area business woman Holly Hermanson Carter. For over 25 years Holly has helped area clients through her therapeutic massage practice. Now her friends, family and colleagues are rallying around her with love, music and support with this fundraising event.

2.16.2020 4PM FRY'S SPRING BEACH CLUB CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA



## FEATURING:

### TRIAD

Spanning nearly 30 years in the Virginia music community featuring Dave Pollard, Dale Payne, and Vickie Payne. Triad creates a varied tapestry of styles from country to classic rock, folk to pop. [triadbandva.com](http://triadbandva.com)

### MICHAEL CLEM

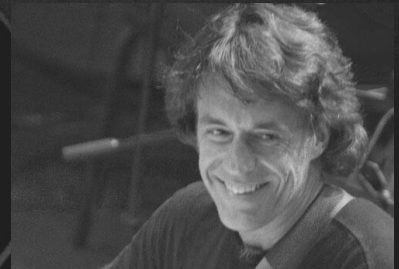
Clem has relocated from Northern Virginia to the Charlottesville music scene. From session work to bluegrass gigs to forming his own acoustic trio. [michaelclem.com](http://michaelclem.com)

### THE DANNY BEIRNE TRIO

Featuring Boogie woogie, swing, and rock'n'roll. Plus some Grateful Dead. [dannybeirne.com](http://dannybeirne.com)

### GLADSTONES

The Gladstones play straight, old school rock 'n' roll of every variety, ranging from Johnny Cash to The Clash, from Rolling Stones to Grateful Dead. They mix in a bunch of original songs, penned by Bob Girard and Charlie Pastorfield.



<https://www.facebook.com/events/1030096434006000/>

INFO: [LOVECONCERTCVILLE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LOVECONCERTCVILLE@GMAIL.COM)

TICKETS: [LOVECONCERTCVILLE.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.eventbrite.com/charlottesville-operation-love-concert)

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**Both of us having cancer has been brutal, yet beautiful. There is beauty in being able to fight this fight together and with the love and support of family and friends. And, being together is a beautiful thing."**

~ Holly Hermanson Carter



Holly Hermanson Carter, newly wed, was diagnosed with Stage IV Colorectal Cancer in 2017. Her husband, Lenny Carter, was diagnosed with Stage III & Stage IV Lymphoma just four months later. It was a hell of a way to start a marriage. And, today, more than two years later, the challenges of living with, dealing with, and surviving with cancer continues.

**"It is a gift to have each other." ~ Lenny Carter**

We'll get to the cancer and why Holly and Lenny's friends are joining together to ask for your help – and we need your help – in a moment. But, first, I want to tell you about Holly and Lenny.

I met Holly on September 11, 2001. In addition to doing massage therapy, Holly was teaching a new generation of therapists and I was one of her students. It is ironic that I would meet one of the most loving, joyful, and compassionate people I have ever known on one of our nation's saddest days.

Hours later, as part of a volunteer emergency response team, Holly was deployed to the Pentagon where she offered massage therapy – on-site – to the hundreds of responders dealing with rescue and recovery efforts. That's the kind of person Holly is. If someone is in need, she will be there for them. Now, we need to be there for Holly.

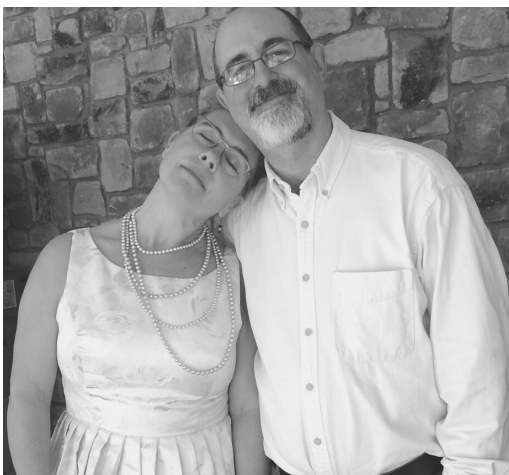
**"Almost our entire marriage has been spent in survival mode." ~ Holly**

Holly and Lenny first met six years ago, when Holly was not-quite 50 and Lenny was not-quite 60.

"We're so glad we met late in life," Holly will tell you. "It's tempting to wish we had decades together behind us, but we agree meeting now allowed us both to cure into more mature beings so we can hold this late relationship with wiser, steadier hands. But, we're also broken hearted to have foreshortened time ahead of us." Holly, born and raised in Virginia, had been a massage therapist in Charlottesville and neighboring areas for nearly three decades. Lenny has been in Charlottesville for decades, too, and is a mental health counselor at UVA.

There they were. Holly, a massage therapist with a tender touch, skillfully caring for the aches and pains of her clients. Lenny, a trusted mental health counselor, providing compassionate understanding, a patient ear, wisdom, and a safe haven for countless people in desperate need. How could these two not end up together? They fell in like, they fell in love, and they made plans for a rich and vibrant life together.

Seven months after their wedding, Holly received her cancer diagnosis. Lenny's diagnosis followed four months later.



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