Bands Take to the Stage to Combat Meth

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The statistics are startling. According to the Idaho Meth Project, one in five Idaho teens sees little or no risk in trying meth once or twice. That's why two friends in Idaho Falls decided to "band" together to combat meth in a creative way. Ty Brennan has more.

What was originally going to be a barbecue for friends turned into quite the event, as 11 bands took to the stage today - all in the name of combating meth.

Blake Shropshire, organizer: "I've had 15 years experience with meth, and it wasn't good."

Blake Shropshire knows first-hand the devastating effects meth can have on a person.

"I've ruined many lives and many families. I ruined my own family for a long time."

But now, Blake is clean and hopes he can get the message out there. With the help of a friend, Blake organized 11 bands to play in his own backyard to raise awareness and money for the Idaho Meth Project.

"People will actually realize there is a problem and not try and keep overlooking it."

Blake says all the bands were excited to play for such a good cause.

"They love it. They've called me every day like kids on Christmas."

The event was open to all ages to increase awareness of the dangers of meth.

"It's scary stuff. The Idaho Meth Project portrays a scary image of what it is, but that's how it is. If we can scare it into younger kids, that's great."

Blake and his friend said during the planning process of trying to come up with a organization to donate to, meth was a common denominator in most everything.

"As we started looking at them, they all came back to meth - domestic violence, child abuse."

Jason says all their hard work was worth it, knowing they were doing something good for the community.

Jason Flitton, organizer: "Truthfully, it gives me the chills. I mean, it's an amazing feeling."

Jason and Blake say they're already planning their next event and are currently in talks to have a two-day festival in Twin Falls, all to raise awareness about meth and showcase local bands.