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not for profit organization providing food, love and dignity to people in need.

Over the years the Garage Sale has been tweaked and the details refined to a point that the night's activity seems to flow quite naturally. One of the Acoustic Garage Sale producers, Mean Larry, tells of a year they enlisted

all local radio DJs to MC, in part with the strategy of boosting preliminary on-the-air publicity. It didn't work as well as they wanted, but he did get them all to sign an old bowling pin for the silent auction. This year Mark Wheat of Radio K had the honorable role of MC.

The artists seemed to glide in easily, quickly prepare the minimal equipment, and then comfortably let loose with what they do best. Soon after concluding their brief sets, you could find many of them milling about the floor, checking out stuff for sale, leaning on a guitar case, or exchanging stories with one another.

The artisans and collectors displaying their wares were doing their part toward the benefit by

The Mission, Inc.

- Provides fresh groceries to the poor and disadvantaged.
- Located at 1000 Oliver Ave N in Minneapolis, in a historic three-story converted temple.
- About 9 million pounds of food distributed annually.
- Serves around 6000 families or roughly 24,000 people a year.
- Once a week stages an outdoor street giveaway of perishables, no registration required.
- Full time staff of 6, with support from court referred & senior volunteers, church youth and adult groups.
- No geographic boundary restrictions limit service.
- Turns around the food for 5¢ per pound.

Beyond the established funding sources such as private, corporate, county foundations and grants, the Acoustic Garage Sale is the only fundraising event held for Pastor Paul's Mission. A \$1000.00 donation from the Acoustic Garage Sale will provide 20,000 pounds of food.