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Je'Dah Palmer and Kayla Lynn play an upbeat rendition of "24k Magic" by Bruno Mars..

## All-girl teen band works to be the change in the world

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The Change commands the stage and captivates their audience, performing both original and cover songs, blending sounds of funk and rock music. The band members travel to promote empowerment all before turning 18.

"It's more than just music, we connect to people," said Kayla Lynn, bassist and singer for The Change. "When you come to the show it's not like you are just

watching a band. You get to know us and we get to know you."

Throughout their performance at New Mountain AVL, the band paused to talk to the audience and share their stories. Each member of The Change, an all-female group, hopes to encourage their listeners to make a difference in the world. Lynn said people can be a part of the problem or they can be the change.

"Our message is about anti-bullying and empowerment," Lynn said. "We go into schools and we spread

positive messages through music."

Melissa McKenney, manager for The Change, said the band visits middle and high schools to lead empowerment workshops focusing on overcoming adversity. The band also teams up with Free2Luv to promote equality throughout the world.

Free2Luv, a global organization, encourages youth to stand up to bullying and to freely express themselves. The organization uses music and art to help support equal rights and put an end to bullying.

Lynn and Ayr'an Graham, drummer and guitarist for The Change,

started playing music together about 10 years ago when Lynn's mom moved their family to West Virginia to open a music school.

Je'Dah Palmer, who sings and raps for the band, joined four years ago after being invited to a practice by Lynn's mom. Palmer said she thought everyone in the band was laid-back and they started playing shows together.

Band members came and went for many years, causing the band's sound to differ. The Change have removed a lot of their older content

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