



## **Porchfest T-Shirt Inspiration Statement**

Victorian homes perched along winding streets. Porches that were built for sitting, gathering, lingering a little longer than you planned. It's picturesque. It's groovy. It's a little weird. It's artsy. And it's all just how we like it... ever changing, yet still the same.

And for one day, the beautiful porches that line our streets become something more.

They become stages. Music drifts through the streets—sometimes distant, sometimes right in front of you. A guitar from down the block. A voice you weren't expecting. A rhythm that makes you stop, then follow it.

You hear something and turn the corner. There's a band on a porch, people gathered on the sidewalk—someone dancing, someone sitting on the curb, someone you know... or someone you don't, yet.

You stay longer than you meant to. You keep going because there's more just a few houses away.

And somehow, everyone shows up.

That's Porchfest.

It's not just about the bands (though there are a lot of them, and they're incredible). It's not just about the houses or the setting (though they're kind of perfect for it).

It's about what happens in between.

The moments. The overlap. The feeling that, for a few hours, everything is a little more open, a little more connected, a little more human.

That's what Love Your Neighbor Project is built on.

Creating space for connection. Removing the small, invisible barriers that keep people separate. Making it easier to show up—as yourself, alongside everyone else.

Porchfest is one of the purest expressions of that idea.

And every year, there's one thing that captures it all—the shirt.

Not just something you wear that day, but something that stays. Something you pull out years later and remember exactly how it felt. Something that ends up folded in drawers, hung on walls, or worn until it's perfectly broken in.

These aren't just shirts. They're artifacts. They're memories of Porchfests past—and the promise of Porchfests still to come.

So yes—we're asking for a lot.

We're asking you to take all of that—the music, the porches, the people, the energy, the feeling you can't quite put into words—and turn it into something visual.

Something simple.

Something honest.

Something that feels like us.

Is that asking too much?

Maybe.

But if you've been here—if you've felt it—you already know what it looks like.

Now it's in your hands.

Create something that captures Porchfest. Make it art for all of us.