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Bad Axe singer releases children's song celebrating grandparents

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Johnny Prill, along with his wife Patricia Prill and their eight grandchildren who helped inspire "Loveable, Huggable, Papa the Bear" with their nickname for their grandpa.

Grandparents do a lot to help their grandchildren. Johnny Prill, who has eight grandkids of his own, knows this all too well.

To help show his love of taking care of his own grandchildren, as well as sharing that sentiment with other grandparents, the singer/songwriter is releasing a new single — a children's song called "Loveable, Huggable, Papa the Bear."

"My grandchildren have always called me Papa the Bear, and it started as just a fun song they would sing along with," said Prill. "My son (who is also named) Johnny always told me I should record it, so I finally did."

Prill says, along with his wife Patricia, that they are very involved with helping to take care of their grandkids by doing school pickups and drop-offs, taking them shopping, and generally having fun spoiling them. The song references the various things that they do for their grandchildren.

Prill has a long career in music. Since the '80s, the Bad Axe native has had his work featured on numerous albums and has had his work nominated for a Grammy. With a focus on Polka music, Prill says he enjoys playing and listening to all genres of music.

One of Prill's favorite things is to write children's songs. His most famous children's song, "A Song for Grandma and Grandpa," back in 2004 was chosen to be the official song of National Grandparents Day, which takes place the first Sunday after Labor Day each year. Prill released "Loveable, Huggable, Papa the Bear" to help celebrate the day, which takes place this year on Sept. 10.

"I'm very fortunate for the National Grandparents Day song," said Prill. "I want to bring awareness to National Grandparents Day, because grandparents do so much for kids."

In a press release to the Tribune, Prill also wrote that many children in the U.S. live in a household with at least one grandparent and noted the amount of part-time care that they provide to children is extensive.

The song is currently on YouTube and is available to purchase on iTunes or Amazon under the children's music section. It is also streaming on Apple Music, Spotify, and Pandora. Prill can be found online at nationalgrandparentsday.com where more information on some of his other songs and volunteer work for National Grandparents Day.