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LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) - A childhood favorite sock puppet will help officiate a wedding in Louisville this weekend and Lamb Chop's appearance is just part of what makes the nuptials unusual. It might be seen as a slightly wacky twist on a wedding but it is also raising money for good.

"I knew I wanted a friend to do the ceremony," said Susan Swope.

Just looking at Susan and Mallory Lewis, you know they were meant to be friends, but for Susan's wedding, it's not just a duo, but a trio with Lamb Chop having a place in the wedding party.

"She likes me better than she likes Mallory," Lamb Chop said.

Mallory is the daughter of longtime Lamb Chop partner, Shari Lewis, who entertained kids from 1957 to 1999.

"I took over in 99, she said slap on the makeup sweetheart and get out there," said Mallory.

So when Susan asked Mallory officiate her wedding to GE engineer Tom Barito, Lamb Chop had to have a role too: lamb of honor. Susan and Mallory met several years ago, and immediately bonded. Besides a love of travel, they also share a similar view of their place in the world.

"You know my father raised us that way, all three of us, and we were just raised to believe that you give back to the community," said Susan.

So her wedding will reflect that.

"The most important part of the evening, other than Susan's actual nuptials, is that this is a benefit for Heifer International," said Mallory. "Susan's been married previously and she didn't need a toaster and I think it's so cool, because you know her daddy, Sam, was the philanthropist of the South."

The plans are elaborate.

"The cows arrive at 4:30," Susan said, "and they'll be in the front yard of the church."

But the message on such a special day is simple.

"We're grownups at this point," Mallory said. "Nobody needs gifts, they need to give not get."

Heifer International works to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock for both food and a means of income. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Susan and Tom will be married Saturday at the Marcus Lindsay in Louisville.