

# Comedy Night Raises Funds For Des Plaines Community Foundation

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Jody and Dan Whalen organized the charity event to benefit the Des Plaines Community Foundation at Zanies Comedy Club at 5437 Park Place in Rosemont.

Zanies Comedy Club and the Whalen family are working together to raise money to support the Des Plaines Community Foundation at “Standup for Des Plaines IV”, a special comedy night benefit Thursday, March 28.

This will be the fourth year of charity event for the Des Plaines Community Foundation, explained Dan and Jody Whalen.

According to the Whalens, who have lived in Des Plaines for 33 years, the profit from last year’s Zanies fundraiser was nearly \$6,000. All funds went to support the Des Plaines Community Foundation and its programs.

Standup for Des Plaines IV will be held at Zanies Comedy Club at 5437 Park Place in Rosemont. For tickets, call Rosemary Argus 847-525-5566 or Dan Whalen 847-561-0726.

“Zanies Comedy Club and their general manager worked with us to host this fundraiser for the past four years and allowed the entire ticket price to go to the charity,” said Dan Whalen. “All event guests have to do is purchase a ticket and two items off the menu — such as a drink or an appetizer — and enjoy the show.”

According to Rosemary Argus, the executive director of the foundation, the Whalens provide a very fun evening and raised a significant amount of funds for the foundation.

“We appreciate their good work,” said Argus.

The comedy headliner will be Tim Walkoe with his unique style.

Few comedians are lucky enough to make their television debut on Comedy Central’s “Live at Gotham,” but after being invited to perform at Montreal’s “Just For Laughs Comedy Festival” and “The Great American Comedy Festival” in the same year, Walkoe easily earned the distinction.

Dan Whalen also plans to do about five minutes of stand-up comedy at the event — reminiscing his younger days when he did open mic night at the old Rosemont Comedy Cottage in the mid-1980s.

Jody Whalen will prepare a dozen or so raffle gift baskets packed with items from local businesses for guests. The baskets will include gift cards and gift certificates. There also will be a “Split-the-Pot” raffle with a \$250 prize.

The Des Plaines Community Foundation raises funds to identify, link and mobilize assets to support the service programs of the Des Plaines Healthy Community Partnership Programs whose activities improve the lives of those that live and work in Des Plaines.