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TV'S "WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?" COMEDIANS COME TO KANSAS CITY

Zona Rosa Community Foundation's Comedy Fundraiser for Synergy Services Set for September 26

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Comics Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood from TV's "**Whose Line is it Anyway?**" will make their first visit to Kansas City for a special exclusive performance at Zona Rosa benefiting local well-known charity Synergy Services. This popular event, which sold out its first two years, is sure to attract even more attendees this year with a new venue and two comedians for the price of one.

The Zona Rosa Community Foundation proudly presents the third annual **Stand Up for Synergy** again featuring top comedy entertainers. The gala is an annual comedy event presented by the Zona Rosa Community Foundation to raise money for Synergy Services whose mission is to end family violence through crisis response, shelter, counseling, advocacy and education. The private comedy gala will offer attendees a full evening of hilarity, including a private reception with the comedians for VIPs, an auction featuring one-of-a-kind memorabilia, cocktail reception, elegant dinner, and of course, the side-splitting improvisational antics of the two comedians.

For the first time, this event will take place outdoors under a large pavilion. The VIP experience, which includes dinner and a private reception with the comics, is \$300 per ticket. Zona Rosa Community Foundation serves as host and headlining sponsor for this unique event to Kansas City.

"We've been overwhelmed with the success of this comedy-themed fundraiser," said Rosemary Salerno, general manager of Zona Rosa. "I think this year is going to be especially remarkable with the new, larger venue and two comedians instead of one!"

Following enormously successful solo tours, Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood, stars of the Emmy nominated "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" have teamed up to present an evening of extraordinary improvisational comedy and mayhem.

Using only their lightning-fast wit and suggestions from the audience, Mochrie and Sherwood create two hours of hilarity. The show is truly interactive, as audience members are brought on stage to participate in the fun. The entire evening is completely improvised, and best of all, the show is never the same twice.

Colin is a successful Canadian comedian who first got involved in improv comedy through Theatresports before moving to Toronto's famous comedy theatre, the Second City. From there he experienced success in both the British and American versions of "Whose Line is it Anyway?", which has led to highly successful live tours with Sherwood and the 'Improv Allstars.'

In addition to a variety of TV series', Mochrie has appeared in a number of movies, including the improvised film "Expecting" which he performed in with his wife, Deb McGrath, who also co-starred with him in the CBC series "Getting Along Famously."

Mochrie's improv partner, Sherwood also was a regular cast member on ABC's "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" and started as a regular on the earlier British version. This led to successful tours headlining with Mochrie as well as with the 'Improv Allstars.' Sherwood appears regularly on "The Tonight Show"

with Jay Leno, was a recurring comic on the live episodes of “The Drew Carey Show” and appeared for a season on “LA Law.” The improvisational skills came in handy when he guest hosted “Talk Soup” as well as served as host of “The New Dating Game.”

“We realized that the improvisational comedy was very appealing to our audience and we wanted to bring in the best talents in the industry,” said Sarah Vore, who is co-chairing the event with her husband Brandon Vore and as well as Andrea and Don Lockton.

“Now that we’ve got expanded audience seating for guests under a beautiful tent, not only can we raise more money for one of Kansas City’s most important service organizations, but we can share the night’s laughter with additional Kansas Citians.”

“We’re confident there is no other event like Stand Up for Synergy in the city, and Zona Rosa has really ‘stepped up’ to make this all possible,” said Andrea Lockton, who also served on the committee last year.

North Kansas City Hospital has been named a top sponsor for the event as well, with additional companies to be announced soon. To become a sponsor, please visit www.standupforsynergy.org.

Through a full spectrum of programs for children, youth and adults, Synergy strives to overcome violence in our community. The agency reaches nearly 40,000 people metro-wide through emergency and transitional shelter; counseling and mental health services; community education programs and legal advocacy. For more information, visit www.synergyservices.org.

Stand Up for Synergy seating is limited. Companies or individuals interested in sponsorships and tickets should contact Patricia Kern at StandUP@synergyservices.org or visit www.standupforsynergy.org for more details. Individual benefactor seats start at \$300.

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