



THE GARBERG FORCE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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The Garberg Force is a family-run, local initiative to fight cystic fibrosis, an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States. Started by the Garberg family in 2006, following the diagnosis of two of the family's three boys with the disease, it raises funds each year to benefit the Orange County chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a nonprofit organization that is the world's leader in the search for a cure for cystic fibrosis.

Through annual walks, local partnerships and fundraising events, The Garberg Force has raised more than \$150,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation since 2007. These funds have gone directly to funding cystic fibrosis research and development, including the creation and testing of new drugs and treatments.

The Garberg Force also has been featured in numerous press outlets including *The Orange County Register*, *La Habra Journal* and the *Placentia News-Times*.

The Walk: Great Strides

Beginning in 2007, The Garberg Force created an official team walk for Great Strides, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's largest national fundraising event. Each year, more than 125,000 people participate in hundreds of walks nationally to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis research and drug development. The Garberg Force's walk has seen hundreds of people each year participate to support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and has raised more than \$150,000 since 2007. The 5K-walk also includes children's activities, food and festivities.

The Garberg Force is listed on the Great Strides website as one of the top five teams at team number five, with having raised \$600 so far. It also lists Kristen Garberg as one of the top five individual striders at number five, having raised \$500 thus far.

The next walk is slated for Sunday, May 18. People may register for the walk or donate on behalf of The Garberg Force at bit.ly/GreatStridesGarberg.

The Event: The Arch-Villains Improv Show

The Well-Behaved Villains, under the direction of La Habra High School's Brian Johnson, comprise the improvisational comedy team for the La Habra Theater Guild. Last year, the team put on a two-hour special event at the La Habra High School campus, the "Arch-Villain Show," in which members of the team competed in a series of improvisational games for the title of "Arch-Villain." The team solicited donations for each game during the show and also accepted flat donations. Fundraising activities also took place during the two intermissions of the three-act show.

The show garnered significant press coverage in news outlets including the *La Habra Journal* and *The Orange County Register*, and raised approximately \$3,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation on behalf of The Garberg Force.

The next show is slated for Friday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at the La Habra High School Lecture Hall. Tickets may be purchased online at bit.ly/archvillaintickets.