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LA HABRA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THROW COMEDY IMPROV SHOW TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

LA HABRA, CALIF. —Students of the La Habra Theater Guild's new comedy-improv team will host their second annual "The Arch-Villain Show" Friday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at the high school theater to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation on behalf of The Garberg Force, a family-run, local initiative to raise funds and awareness for the life-threatening, genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. Last year, students successfully raised more than \$3,000 for the Foundation and are looking to break their record with new acts, fundraising activities and comedic challenges.

Members of the "Well-Behaved Villains" improv team will compete in a series of matches to earn the title of the night's "Arch-Villain," and will engage the audience with fundraising games and donation opportunities during the show's intermissions.

"This year, our goal is to outdo everything we did last year," say students in the event's promotional video. "That means more twists, more turns, and above all, more improv."

Following the diagnosis of their two young boys with cystic fibrosis, the Garberg family has worked to raise funds and awareness about the congenital disease through The Garberg Force. 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.

La Habra High School theater director Brian Johnson created "The Arch-Villain Show" in 2013 along with Alfonso Neavez and Chris Standifer, both improv coaches for the Well-Behaved Villains team. The Garberg family's oldest son, Jake, also is a member of the team, and joined the La Habra Theater Guild in support of his two younger brothers diagnosed with cystic fibrosis.

"I am very grateful that my friends and teammates are so eager to help The Garberg Force," says Jake Garberg. "My brothers and I feel so blessed that our La Habra High School community has joined in the fight to find a cure for cystic fibrosis."

The Garberg Force and the Well-Behaved Villains hope to smash their record and raise \$4,000 this year for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, as well as entertain a full house with their new acts.

Tickets for the "Arch-Villain Show" are available online at <u>bit.ly/ArchVillainTickets</u> for \$10 pre-sale or \$12 at the door. For more information about The Garberg Force and the Well-Behaved Villains, please visit TheGarbergForce.weebly.com.