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Candidates Display Hidden Talents to Benefit Children and Youth *Candidates' Comedy Night 2014*

PITTSBURGH – This evening, local and state candidates along with special guests earned big laughs from a standing-room-only crowd at Candidates' Comedy Night 2014 (CCN) while raising money for the Allegheny County Music Festival Fund. The event was held at the Pittsburgh Improv in Homestead.

Performers were The Honorable Mike Doyle, U.S. House of Representatives, 14th Congressional District; The Honorable Tim Murphy, U.S. House of Representatives, 18th Congressional District; The Honorable Tom Corbett Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; The Honorable Mike Stack, Senate of Pennsylvania, 5th Senatorial District; The Honorable Wayne D. Fontana, Senate of Pennsylvania, 42nd Senatorial District; Erin McClelland, Candidate for the 12th Congressional District and Tom Wolf, Candidate for Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Special guests Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and City of Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto also performed.

Gene Collier, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* columnist, author and comedian, emcee'd the event, occasionally giving his own wry take on the candidates' routines.

CCN, now in its seventh year, is one of the two fundraisers for the Allegheny County Music Festival Fund that benefits children served by the Department of Human Services and/or the Juvenile Section of the Family Division of the Court of Common Pleas. All proceeds benefit the Fund.

"The Music Fund has made a difference in so many children's lives," said DHS Director Marc Cherna. "We could not do that if it weren't for the candidates, who generously agreed to take time from their busy schedules to perform on Comedy Night, and for the many sponsors and volunteers who support the show."

This year's CCN event raised approximately \$40,000 for the Fund. Since its inception, the Fund has provided nearly 2,800 children with meaningful items or opportunities that cannot be provided through traditional government funding.

For more information about the Allegheny County Music Festival Fund, visit:
www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/acmffabout.aspx.

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