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## **Eighth Annual Candidates' Comedy Night Brings Laughs while Benefiting Kids**

**PITTSBURGH** – This evening, state and local candidates, along with special guests, entertained the crowd at Candidates' Comedy Night 2015 (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 Judge Christine Donohue, The Honorable Judge David N. Wecht, The Honorable Judge Kevin Dougherty, The Honorable Judge Mike George, The Honorable Rich Fitzgerald, Allegheny County Executive, and judicial candidates Paul Lalley and Michael Wojcik.

Special guests The Honorable Michael Nutter, Mayor of Philadelphia, and Jim Roddey, Allegheny County Republican chairman, also performed.

Gene Collier, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* columnist, author, comedian and playwright, emceed the event while offering a commentary on the candidates' routines.

"The Music Fund makes a difference in so many children's lives," said DHS Director Marc Cherna. "We greatly appreciate the candidates and elected officials, who gave their time to perform and for the many sponsors and volunteers who support the show."

Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, the Fund has raised more than \$700,000 and has provided more than 3,000 children with meaningful items or opportunities that cannot be provided through traditional government funding. CCN is one of two fundraisers for the Fund. The second fundraiser, The Allegheny County Music Festival, is on Sunday, September 6, at the Hartwood Acres Amphitheatre. Opening bands begin performing at 5 p.m. and Rusted Root will take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

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

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