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**ROCKETOWN TO HOST “COMEDY FOR A CAUSE” FUNDRAISER OCT. 9**

*Guests to Include Entertainers Henry Cho and Jeff Allen; Proceeds Benefit At-Risk Youth*

(Nashville, Tenn.) July 13, 2012—Nashville-based youth outreach facility Rocketown will host “Comedy for a Cause,” a casual and uproarishly funny night benefitting local at-risk youth, on Oct. 9 at 7:00 pm. The event, chaired by comedian Jeff Foxworthy and wife Gregg, will include performances by comics Jeff Allen and Henry Cho.

In addition to being a popular concert venue, skatepark and skateshop, Rocketown serves at-risk youth via its afterschool program, which offers culturally relevant arts, sports and entertainment activities. The goal is to help young people ages 9-18 discover their passions, develop their skills and give back to their community. The program is supported, in part, by the annual fundraiser and revenue from concerts, skatepark and facility rentals.

Jeff Foxworthy, who performed at last year’s Rocketown fundraiser and will act as honorary chair for “Comedy for a Cause,” comments: “I do a lot of events for charitable causes... a lot of events. Without a doubt the one that touched me the most this past year was Rocketown. The love and acceptance that was present there was humbling to the point of tears. I lead a Bible study for homeless men in Atlanta. I have wondered how many could have avoided the years of addiction and pain they endured if there had been a Rocketown for them when they were younger? Most people talk about wanting to make a difference in the world. I can think of no better place than Rocketown.”

Tickets for “Comedy for a Cause” are available as individual seats for \$250 or tables of 10 for \$2500. If you are interested in a corporate or community sponsorship, please contact Lisa Bergen-Wilson at [lwilson@rocketown.org](mailto:lwilson@rocketown.org). The evening will include a meet-and-greet reception for VIP ticket holders at 6:00 pm as well as a silent auction during the main event.

To donate, volunteer or find out more about how to support Rocketown, please visit: [donate.rocketown.com](http://donate.rocketown.com).

**About Rocketown**

Founded in 1994 by Michael W. Smith, Rocketown is a nonprofit outreach for teens, providing opportunities in arts, music, action sports and mentoring programs. Rocketown has been able to help thousands of teens through free counseling, scholarship programs and material assistance. Some of Nashville’s most unique classes for youth and teens are offered at Rocketown, including courses in film, art, dance, rhyme, song writing, journalism and graphic design. Rocketown’s nonprofit entertainment facility in downtown Nashville opened in 2003 and provides a venue for all ages concerts. Rocketown’s facility is complete with an indoor skatepark (Sixth Ave) and snackbar where youth come to hang out and be themselves. For more information, visit [www.rocketown.com](http://www.rocketown.com).

### **About Henry Cho**

Henry's TV and film credits include appearances on NBC's "The Tonight Show," CBS's "The Late, Late, Show," and NBC's "Young Comedians Special." He served two years as host of NBC's "Friday Night Videos" and had many guest roles on various network sitcoms. Henry's one hour Comedy Central Special, "What's That Clickin Noise?" is currently running, and he can also be heard on Sirius, XM and Blue Collar Radio. Some of Henry's film credits include Universal's "McHale's Navy" with Tom Arnold and David Allen Greer; "Say It Isn't So" with Heather Graham and Sally Field; and "Material Girls" with Hilary Duff and Angelica Houston produced by Madonna. Henry was the keynote entertainer for The 59th Annual Radio & Television Correspondents' Dinner attended by the Bush Administration and has worked extensively with Vince Gill, Amy Grant, Willie Nelson, Carrie Underwood and many others. Henry's clean comedy is so versatile that he can headline Vegas and then tour with Michael W. Smith in the same month. This spring, Henry sold a special/pilot to GAC (Great American Country) in which he'll serve as host, co-writer, and co-producer. "The Henry Cho Show" aired in fall 2011 and Henry awaits the chance to do more shows for GAC in 2012.

### **About Jeff Allen**

Jeff Allen is the best at what he does—making people laugh as hard as humanly possible. His *Happy Wife, Happy Life*® message of a marriage gone wrong and redeemed has given laughter and encouragement to millions of people. Jeff's comedy drives home the humor in everyday family life and the joy derived from a healthy marriage.

At home with secular, religious and combined audiences, Jeff has performed on every U.S. cable comedy show, in Las Vegas, for corporate engagements and in churches all over the country. He has starred in his own sitcom pilot, *Happy Wife, Happy Life*®, for PAX TV with Castle Rock Television, the critically acclaimed film and DVD *Apostles of Comedy*, and the hilarious comedy DVD *Thou Shalt Laugh*. Jeff has headlined his own national comedy tour, *Jeff Allen and Friends: Funny People of Faith* and received the Grady Nutt Humor Award—the most prestigious comedy award in the Christian market.

A columnist for *Living with Teenagers*, *Homecoming* and *Homelife* magazines, Jeff is also a featured comedian on Bill Gaither's *Homecoming*, *Praise Gathering*, *Gaitherfest*. He has performed at numerous functions with newsmakers such as: John Ashcroft, Ann Coulter, Sean Hannity, J.C. Watts, and Zach Wamp. He is regularly heard on XM Radio; Jones Radio Network; Focus on the Family.

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