

Dear FRIENDS WAY Supporter:

We are preparing for our 8th Annual Funny4Funds comedy event fundraiser to benefit FRIENDS WAY, Rhode Island's only bereavement center dedicated to supporting children since 1999. Our event is scheduled for **Thursday, March 21st at the Cranston Portuguese Club, 20 Second Ave., Cranston, RI**. The doors open at 6:00 pm with the show starting at 7:00 pm.

We are inviting you to be an event sponsor to help raise funds for supporting our biweekly bereavement groups for children who have experienced the death of someone close. Your family's, business' or organization's name will be displayed on a banner at the front of the event space. You may also purchase a sponsorship in memory of a family member who died, or in honor of a volunteer facilitator. We will also list sponsor names on signage at each table. You are welcome to provide us with any marketing and business cards to put on the tables as well. **The cost of a sponsorship is \$100 and tax deductible for the full amount**.

We are also looking for sponsorships for the comedians: \$200-sponsors the host of the comedy show: with a shout out to your business \$400-sponsors the featured comedian, with a shout out to your business \$500-1000: sponsors the headliner!

We are selling tickets for \$25 each and tables of 8 for \$200. Attendees are welcome to bring their own snacks/meals that can be supplemented by drinks from the Portuguese Club. In addition to sponsorships, we also welcome gift cards in \$15, \$20, and \$25 denominations for our Wine Grab Bags. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Ryan Loiselle, 401.921.0980, <u>R.Loiselle@friendsway.org</u>, or online, <u>https://www.friendsway.org/comedy</u>

We hope that you will consider helping us make it a successful event to support more bereaved children, teens and families find comfort during their grieving journey. **All our services are free to our families** and the cost of our operations is completely supported through fundraising activities.

If you have any questions, please direct inquiries to Ryan Loiselle, LICSW, Program Director; R.Loiselle@friendsway.org, 401.921.0980.

Warmest Regards,

J. Stevenson

Susan Stevenson Executive Director