



# Suicidal Comedian Comes Back to Life with The Laughter Foundation

*New charity helping comedians, comedy and “the real world” has already saved a number of comedians. With much more “in the works” TLF starts Indiegogo campaign.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, UNITED STATES, April 15, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- San Francisco, California – [The Laughter Foundation](#) announces the launch of their “Comedy Triage” campaign today on [Indiegogo](#).

After reaching the pinnacles of success in the UK with his “farewell performance” routine, American stand-up comedian says “farewell” for real. Out of the ashes, Steven Alan Green creates The Laughter Foundation (a non-profit) providing a cash cart for comedy and professional comedians on Indiegogo, where the public can donate funds to support three strategic goals:

**The Heckler Fund:** Imagine yourself a struggling stand-up comedian, doing free gigs, on the brink of that all-elusive “Big Break”. Your rent is dangerously overdue and you can’t rustle up help from friends or relatives. Or, after years on the road, you can’t scrape together the funds for medication to control your life-endangering diabetes. Now imagine an immediate emergency grant, there to help you through your toughest times. It’s not just the money; it’s the endorsement. (Okay, it’s the money too.)

**The Art, History & Science of Comedy:** Imagine yourself transported back to 1959 to the Hungry Eye in San Francisco, catching one of the earliest performances of comedy legend Lenny Bruce. Or walking through an exhibition illuminating the dark side of comedy, examining joke subjects ranging from Adolf Hitler to Jeffrey Dahmer. This is The Comedy Museum, a world-class permanent building saluting the accomplishments and examining the art and science of the comedy greats from all time, located in the heart of the city that invented stand-up comedy, San Francisco.

**Spreading the Comedy Word:** Now, imagine a group who brings comedy and smiling faces to the lonely, the aged and the socially disenfranchised. Comedy Flash Mobs released on an unsuspecting, and very deserving public.

The Laughter Foundation, a new charity set up to help comedians, comedy and “the real world”, has already saved one comedian from eviction, provided cancer meds for another and helped numerous others with meals and beds. It produced four charity benefits in Los Angeles and giant benefits in the Bay Area and at The Hollywood Bowl are currently in the works.

Steven Alan Green is the founder and president of The Laughter Foundation. He is a stand-up comedian and producer, whose beginnings at The Comedy Store in Hollywood in the 80’s led him to London, England. Seeing a connection between comedy and addictions, Steven created an international comedy benefit for a drug and alcohol charity launched by Princess Diana. “High On Laughter” premiered at the 2,000 Edinburgh Fringe Festival, featuring such comedy luminaries as Zach Galifiniakis and George Wendt. Two years and as many galas later, High On Laughter III took place at the legendary London Palladium, where the comedy and fundraising was overshadowed by the very dramatic backstage “collapse” of comedy icon Jerry Lewis, making international news; Steven had to return to the Palladium stage and make a very dramatic announcement. BBC NEWS:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/entertainment/2245731.stm>

Steven lost a bundle on his investment in his childhood idol, eventually losing his home (which he leveraged to produce the show), driving him into clinical depression, homelessness and suicidal thoughts. Turning his personal tragedy into a strength, Steven created The Laughter Foundation as an entity to provide financial and spiritual support for comedians who suddenly find themselves in difficult financial binds or even life-threatening situations; a vehicle to honor, exhibit and study the art of comedy through the Comedy Museum; and a healing force aimed to aid and ease the lives of those who need laughs the most.

Steven is a San Francisco based stand-up comedian, writes a blog about stand-up comedy for The Jewish Journal online, hosts a popular podcast Stage Time With Steven Alan Green, and keeps on leading and inspiring The Laughter Foundation comedy ambassadors and volunteers in their mission to "save the world one laugh at the time".

The "Support The Laughter Foundation" Indiegogo campaign is to pay for start-up costs, production money for fundraising benefits and comedy outreach, "The Heckler Fund" and "Comedy Grants". Bring the money; we bring the funny...

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