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Habitat to host Comedy Night



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for Humanity

COMEDY NIGHT

to support Veteran Home Preservation projects and honor Military Appreciation Month

Get ready for a night packed with punchlines and quick wit by Steve Nagle and Marty Caproni plus RAFFLES!

FRIDAY, MAY 15
6-9:30 PM

AMVETS POST
754 MONTGOMERY ST.
CHICOPEE

Doors open at 6 PM
show starts at 7 PM

TICKETS: \$25

We believe in the power of a good laugh — especially when it helps support those who have served our country. In honor of May’s Military Appreciation Month, Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity (GSHFH) will host its first-ever Comedy Night on Friday, May 15. The event features local comedians Steve Nagle and Marty Caproni of Rock 102FM, who will bring an evening of high-energy entertainment to support a meaningful cause. Doors open at 6pm and the show begins at 7, at AMVETS Post

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LugNutz Café
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GUEST CHEF

Thursday, May 14
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

In honor of Military Appreciation Month, Aimee will serve a Double Smash Burger on a toasted roll. For every order placed during lunch, LugNutz will donate \$2 to Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity to support veteran home repair projects.

Marcotte

LugNutz Café fuels impact for community

Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity (GSHFH) is teaming up with one of Holyoke’s tastiest hotspots to prove doing good and eating well go hand in hand — like a well-tuned engine and a smooth ride. Think of it as a community pit stop to honor veterans during Military Appreciation Month. On Thursday, May 14, GSHFH Executive Director Aimee Giroux will serve up signature Double Smash Burgers for a special one-day fundraiser at LugNutz Café — inside Marcotte Ford on Main Street.

For every order placed this Thursday, \$2 will be donated

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Bingo and Brews

with the  Queens

Date: Sunday, June 14

Time: 12-3 PM

Place: Fort Hill Brewery
30 Fort Hill Road, Easthampton

Cost: \$30 per person (includes light refreshments)
\$5 per extra Bingo card

Tickets:



Crack open a cold one with the girls!

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12 in Chicopee. Tickets are \$25 each and will benefit Greater Springfield Habitat's Home Preservation Veterans Build program, which provides critical home repairs for low-income veterans who, due to age, disability, or family circumstances, struggle to maintain safe and functional homes.

"I've heard them on the radio talking about other shows they've done, and it felt like the perfect fit for our community," said Aimee Giroux, GSHFH executive director. "At Habitat, we believe in creating events that bring people together and make an impact — while still having fun."

Between them, Steve and Marty bring nearly 40 years of experience performing on stages across the United States and Canada.

Steve said he got his start 23 years ago when he took the stage at an open mic night at The Clubhouse Lounge in Holyoke.

"I bombed it," he said, "and I haven't stopped since."

In the past three years, Steve said he's really dedicated himself more fully to the craft. When Aimee approached him about participating in Habitat's Comedy Night, he immediately saw it as a "perfect fit."

"I love doing comedy, and I love helping the community," he said.

Marty, who said he began his comedy career nearly 20 years ago as a dare from a gym buddy, said he really enjoys watching Steve perform.

"Steve has worked really hard over the last few years and has gotten so sharp onstage that I actually enjoy the nights when I'm done and can relax and watch him work," Marty said.

At the Habitat Comedy Night, Marty and Steve are expected to each perform full headline-length sets.

"People are so divided nowadays," Marty said. "Steve and I always talk about what a gift it really



is that we can do things like this show to bring folks together, have them laugh and escape for a bit, while raising critical funds for a great cause."

Numerous veterans have benefitted from GSHFH's Home Preservation Veterans Build program, including Tom and his wife Dolores of Indian Orchard. Tom is an Army veteran who served in the 1960s. These days, Tom suffers from several heart-related conditions and balance issues.

Greater Springfield Habitat replaced the downstairs bathtub with a walk-in tub with grab bars, the ceramic tiles in the kitchen and hallway with laminate flooring; and rebuilt the exterior entryway and stairs.

"Greater Springfield Habitat is an absolutely phenomenal agency that helps the little guy, with low income," said Tom.

Dolores agreed.

"Knowing that there are people out there to help us is a blessing," she said. "It's remarkable; it's like winning the lottery, but in a different way."

Whether you're a longtime supporter or just looking for a fun night out, buy your tickets today at habitatspringfield.org/comedy.

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to GSHFH to support the Veterans Build Home Preservation program, which focuses on critical home repairs and accessibility modifications — projects like installing ramps, fixing roofs, improving heating systems, and addressing safety hazards. These repairs allow veterans to remain in their homes with dignity, independence, and peace of mind.

“This is what community looks like,” Aimee said. “Local businesses like LugNutz Café are stepping up in creative ways to support our mission and the veterans we serve.”

LugNutz is open Monday through Friday from 7am to 2pm and offers casual American café

fare, including burgers, sandwiches, and salads. The LugNutz is no stranger to welcoming guest chefs behind the counter and welcomed its first in 2019.

“It has really taken off. Every other month we have someone from the local community come in,” said Sue Marcotte, Marcotte Ford Sales Marketing director. “It’s a nice atmosphere and vibe.”

Whether you’re a longtime supporter or simply stopping in for a great meal, your participation directly contributes to improving the lives of veterans in our region. So, mark your calendar, bring your appetite, and join us on May 14. Together, we can make a difference — one Double Smash Burger at a time.

