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**Lake Ontario Playhouse Comedy Season Opener to Support Families in Need:
Club to Donate All Ticket Sales to Support Your Watertown Urban Mission**

Mission Benefit will have Comedian Tom Anzalone to headlining on Friday, February 1st

SACKETS HARBOR (January 22, 2013) – The Lake Ontario Playhouse – the region’s premiere hot spot for laughs – will kick off its 2013 Comedy Season by donating 100 percent of their ticket sales to support North Country families in need through your Watertown Urban Mission on Friday, February 1st at 9 p.m. with the hilarious and talented Tom Anzalone.

“The work done by the Watertown Urban Mission to help neighbors in our community is amazing and we are excited to give back in support of this great cause,” said Michael Kinnie, owner of the Lake Ontario Playhouse. “We have a great comedy season in store and we could not think of a better way to get the season rolling than to have the proceeds of our opening night go to an organization that helps people overcome struggles in life.”

The Lake Ontario Playhouse, located at 103 West Main Street in Sackets Harbor, offers comedy shows on Friday and Saturday nights for just \$15, along with community theater productions and other special events in a historic building that hosted the first USO broadcast to Europe in World War II.

Today, the playhouse remains a key stop on the comedy circuit with big name stars such as Jimmy Fallon, Kevin James and Martin Lawrence appearing at the club on their rise to stardom. To go with the great entertainment, the Playhouse has a full service kitchen with great bar food and drinks available.

“We are so thankful for the support of this community and thrilled that the Lake Ontario Playhouse has chosen to turn its season opener into a benefit for families in need,” said Erika F. Flint, executive director. “The Playhouse brings so many laughs to our community every weekend. This event is a great way to both enjoy one of the region’s best entertainment options and also provide struggling neighbors with the help they need. “

Advance tickets for the fundraiser are available through the Watertown Urban Mission.

Headliner Tom Anzalone is a premiere comedian, entertainer, and musician, who has appeared on America’s Funniest People (ABC), Comedy Central and Showtime. Classically trained in Opera, Tom began his career performing in musicals and operas while pursuing his stand-up comedy career. He has made

audiences laugh in clubs across the country and on the high seas, including the Laugh Factory in New York City, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, and with Comics on Duty, a series of shows for troops stationed stateside.

The feature act for the show will be Vince Acevedo from Chicago, who has been on Bill Bellamy's television show Who's Got Jokes and has appeared at many major comedy venues, including Zanies, The Improv, Riddles, and the Jokes and Notes Comedy Club. His comedy is a blend of family stories dealing with his Puerto Rican roots, relationship do's and don'ts and everyday problems.

The Watertown Urban Mission brings together community minded individuals, businesses, organizations and churches to help families through difficult times with programs that provide food and drink, offer clothing and other household needs, assist the homeless in finding housing, give the addicted and imprisoned a chance to get their lives back on track, aid the sick with prescriptions and help getting to medical appointments, and more.

With generous donor and volunteer support, the Watertown Urban Mission helps individuals and families in need to rise above difficult circumstances, which, in turn, strengthens our community as a whole.

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