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Annual Fundraiser for New Beginnings
Features the Play: "The Boys Next Door" by Tom Griffin

Santa Barbara, CA – New Beginnings is excited to invite the community to its Annual Fundraiser on November 2nd, 2024 at the New Vic Theatre in Santa Barbara. This year’s event will feature a performance of the heartwarming play, “The Boys Next Door” by Tom Griffin, mounted by local theater luminaries, Jenny Sullivan, Director and Rod Lathim, Dramaturg. Tickets are affordably priced at \$54 for premium seating and \$29 for regular seating. <https://sbnbcc.org/2024-annual-fundraiser/>.

This year’s event follows in the unique tradition of New Beginnings’ previous Annual Fundraisers: using theater to engage the audience in discussion, experience, and education about the most critical issues facing our community, including issues with homelessness, mental health, permanent supportive housing, and more.

Jacqueline Kurta, New Beginnings’ Board of Directors President, says, “We are honored to be presenting “The Boys Next Door” as we continue the New Beginnings tradition of using the arts to educate and inspire our community. Please join us in celebrating compassion and collaboration as we work to empower individuals and families in need throughout Santa Barbara County.”

“The Boys Next Door” by Tom Griffin

This year’s poignant and humorous event examines issues of housing, mental health issues, and developmental disabilities which are integral to New Beginnings’ mission to support individuals and families facing similar challenges in our community. Proceeds from the fundraiser will enable New Beginnings to continue providing quality, affordable counseling, shelter, case management, and homeless services, through its Counseling Center, Safe Parking Program, Veterans Program and Life Skills Parenting Program.

Synopsis:

This play delves into the lives of four men with mental health and developmental disabilities living together in a shared housing residence, all under the guidance of a caring but burned-out social worker. Through poignant and humorous moments, the play explores their daily challenges, triumphs, and aspirations, offering a heartfelt portrayal of their humanity and struggles.

Written in 1988, the play is a continued favorite and widely admired within the theater community.

The Stars of our Show

We are excited to announce the talented actors already committed to this one-night-only event, including Michael Nouri, Matt Cook, John Kassir, Sam Trammell, and Rod Lathim. Additional cast will be announced soon.

The Evening and After Party

In addition to the performance, attendees can look forward to a raffle featuring locally sourced prizes and a live auction. Sponsors will enjoy an exclusive post-show cocktail reception with the cast and crew, providing a unique opportunity to connect with fellow supporters and learn more about our impactful programs.

Where and When

Place: The New Vic Theatre at 33 W Victoria St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Date: November 2nd, 2024

Time: 7pm

How to Buy Tickets

Tickets for the fundraiser are available at <https://sbnbcc.org/2024-annual-fundraiser/> .

Individual tickets are affordably priced at \$54 for premium seating and \$29 for regular seating.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and greatly appreciated. For more information or to sponsor, please contact Linnea Haskett at (805) 963-7777 x122.

About New Beginnings

New Beginnings provides quality, affordable counseling, shelter, case management and education that strengthens our community and provides people the ability to lead healthy and productive lives. New Beginnings, located at 503 E. Montecito St., Suite 101, Santa Barbara, CA 93103, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

For more information, visit our website, <https://sbnbcc.org/> or please contact our development department at (805) 963-7777 x112 or email at development@sbnbcc.org