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### **Komedey for Kidneys Rodney Pentland Memorial Benefit Show Raises Over \$11,500 for Dialysis Care in Niagara**

*Proceeds donated to Niagara Health Foundation to Help Purchase Vital Equipment*

Niagara Falls, ON – Niagara Falls Comedy Fest is pleased to announce that the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Komedey for Kidneys Rodney Pentland Memorial Benefit Show (Komedey for Kidneys) held March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Greg Frewin Theatre raised \$11,522.34 in support of Dialysis Care in Niagara.

“Komedey for Kidneys is a fun event my staff and I look forward to every year,” enthused Niagara Health Foundation President and CEO, Roger D. Ali. “Not only do they have us laughing on the night of the event, our smiles continue year-round knowing that they are making a difference for patients of our Kidney Care program. Last year alone, there were over 69,000 visits to our Dialysis and Renal Clinics across Niagara.”

The two-hour show was headlined by Jeremy Hotz, and featured Jason Allen, Laurie Elliott, Jeff McEnery, Tony Molesworth, and Mark Matthews.

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Komedey for Kidneys Rodney Pentland Memorial Benefit Show is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at the Greg Frewin Theatre.

Komedey for Kidneys gratefully acknowledges and thanks the comedians, volunteers, donors, sponsors and supporters, including: Greg Frewin Theatre, Rose City Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram-Fiat, Wyndham Garden Niagara Falls Fallsview, Mike Knapp Ford, Niagara Falls Comic Con, Niagara Smart Stays, Subaru Niagara, Danima Creative Group, Gales Gas Bars, Hall Ironworks, Ingage Digital, Artista Design & Print, Mick & Angelo’s Restaurant, The Go-Go Food Co., and Media partners: Country 89 FM, GIANT FM 91.7, Niagara Falls Review, Welland Tribune and St. Catharines Standard for their generous support.

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#### **About Komedey for Kidneys Rodney Pentland Memorial Benefit Show**

Komedey for Kidneys was renamed in memory of comedian, Rodney Pentland, who passed away in 2009 from complications related to kidney disease. Pentland, who grew up in Niagara Falls, continued to entertain crowds throughout his long battle with renal (kidney) disease and was best known for his outstanding impressions of Robert DeNiro and Marlon Brando. To date, Komedey for Kidneys Rodney Pentland Memorial Benefit Show has donated \$72,452 to Niagara Health Foundation in support of Dialysis Care in Niagara.