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Held2Gether and Long Beach Playhouse Team Up to Benefit WomenShelter of Long Beach

LONG BEACH, Calif. – December 3, 2016 – The Long Beach Playhouse and award winning local Improv Artists of Held2Gether team up for the second annual one-night event to benefit WomenShelter of Long Beach.

This year's "Miracle on Anaheim St." will showcase the very talented improv artists of Held2Gether presenting a musical evening of improv and sketch comedy in the beautiful Long Beach Playhouse. "Last year's event was such a tremendous success. It was the perfect way to ring in the winter holidays. Everyone who attended the event was laughing, cheering, and enjoying themselves. WSLB is so thankful and cannot thank enough both the Long Beach Playhouse and Held2Gether for their continued support," said Mary Ellen Mitchell, WomenShelter of Long Beach Executive Director.

This special performance will be held at a local Long Beach landmark, the Long Beach Playhouse at 5021 East Anaheim Street, Long Beach, 90804. "We are so proud and grateful that we can give back and support our community," said Playhouse Executive Director, Andrew Vonderschmitt. "We at the Playhouse enjoy partnering with local performers and local community organizations.

All of the proceeds will go directly to WomenShelter of Long Beach to support their many victim services, youth programs, and educational efforts. Each year WomenShelter provides services to approximately 5,000 individuals through both its Domestic Violence Resource Center and confidential Emergency Shelter. Darren Held, founder of Held2Gether, is thrilled to be able to bring this holiday show to the community for a second year in a row. "I love to bring laughter and happiness into people's lives. This special holiday show will help one of the many worthy causes within Long Beach. I feel so honored to support WomenShelter and their families."

The performance will take place Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 8pm. Tickets are available at www.lbplayhouse.org, or by calling 562-494-1014, option 1.

About Held2Gether:

Held2gether, Improv for Life was created to bring out each individual's greatest potential through the power of improvisation. We believe the benefits of improv comedy reach far beyond the stage. For more information please call (562) 537-8558 or email info@held2gether.com

About The Long Beach Playhouse:

The Long Beach Playhouse is located at 5021 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach, CA, 90804, right across from the Long Beach Recreation golf course. The Playhouse is community-supported theatre with programs and events that cut across age, gender, ethnic, and cultural boundaries.

About WSLB:

The mission of WSLB is to eliminate domestic violence through compassionate intervention, education and personal empowerment. Since 1977, WomenShelter of Long Beach has helped thousands of families overcome the trauma caused by domestic abuse.