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## First Signature Fundraising Event for Mental Health America of Franklin County (MHAFC)



Laughter is the best medicine. We've heard the expression time and again.

MHAFC created their first annual fundraising event called Laughing Away the Blues because it's true, humorous events are a great way to reduce stress and to bring people together.

MHAFC partners with CAPA to bring in **The Second City** in a hilarious show called Smart and Funny. **The Second City is a Chicago-based group of actors famous for improvisational comedy.** This world-class comedy troupe has become an irreplaceable comic institution.

An incubator for celebrities, The Second City is famous for encouraging the talents of Mike Myers, Gilda Radner, John Belushi, Ed Asner, Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, George Wendt, Chris Farley, Shelley Long and Alan Arkin. Future greats are no doubt on stage right now, performing the kind of hit-and-run sketch comedy that combines play, musical and comedy while trying to stay both topical and universal.

Seats are selling out fast but you can get premiere seats through MHAFC while supporting a great cause. One hundred percent of the proceeds stay right here in our community and directly benefit people with mental health issues.

Date: March 6, 2009

Tickets: \$100 (Guests will enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, free parking and premiere seating!)

Location:

Reception: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Galbreath Pavillion – 55 E. State Street

Smart and Funny Show: 8:00 pm – The Great Southern Theatre – 21 E. Main St.

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