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# Howard Stern regular from Westville comes to the aid of ailing friend

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**B**elieve it or not, The Rev. Bob Levy has no tricks up his sleeve.

The famed insult comedian, heard alongside Howard Stern and locally with shock-jock Kidd Chris, is sincerely looking to help out a friend.

In early January, Sean Rooney, manager of Stern regular Beetlejuice, suffered a serious stroke and is facing a harsh road to recovery. It also placed a financial strain on his family, who had to fund the treatment without the aid of health insurance, Levy said.

So to help the family out, Levy, a Westville resident, organized a comedy night to raise funds for Rooney. The evening show will take place at 9 p.m. Friday at the Emerald City club, 460 N. 2nd St. in Philadelphia. Tickets cost \$30, with all proceeds being given to Rooney and his family.

Joining Levy will be other



Westville resident and Howard Stern regular Bob Levy will host a benefit concert on Friday in Philadelphia.

friends and frequent Stern sidekicks, including comedians Shuli, High-Pitch Eric, Tabitha Stevens and Billy Mira.

The Westville celebrity admitted he and the other performers may not be a

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group immediately associated with altruism, but they are anxious to help out a friend in need. The whole event came together pretty quickly, as many of the performers volunteering their time readily.

"I just think people are amazed," Levy said. "They probably think I'm up to some ulterior motive."

It may be his comedic past that gets him such a weary reputation. He found a home with Stern after receiving the title as "World's Meanest Listener" and became a regular on the show.

He continues to participate in radio today, frequently found collaborating with WYSP's newest hellraiser, Kidd Chris, during the stations mid-afternoon show. Levy's performances have also followed Stern into the world of satellite radio, hosting a show called "Miserable ten" with Shuli, all about the problems men face in relationships, he said.

The local comedian is also hard at work developing a

## If You Go

The Sean Rooney Benefit show will take place at 9 p.m. Friday at the Emerald City club, 460 N. 2nd St. in Philadelphia. Tickets cost \$30, with all proceeds being given to Rooney and his family. The performers include the Rev. Bob Levy, Beetlejuice, Shuli, High-Pitched Eric, Tabitha Stevens and Billy Mira. Those interested in giving a personal donation to Rooney and his family can visit Beetlejuice's Web site, [www.jollydwarf.com](http://www.jollydwarf.com). More information about the show can also be found on Levy's Web site, [www.revbolevy.com](http://www.revbolevy.com).

sitcom, which may find its way to networks soon, Levy said. The humor will stem a lot from his current living

situation, sharing a home with his ex-wife.

"It won't be much acting for me," he laughed.

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