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LOCAL COMEDIANS STAND UP TO DIABETES

Davenport, IA March 29, 2011 – Local comedians lend a helping hand to the Eastern Iowa branch of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation as DubStar Presents: *Comedy For A Cause 2 – Stand Up To Diabetes*

. The event will take place April 8, 2011, from 8:00 to 11:00pm, at Uptown Neighborhood Bar & Grill (2340 Spruce Hills Drive, Bettendorf). Tickets are \$10 at the door, and \$15 for a ticket and event shirt in advance. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to the local JDRF.

“Having only moved to the US [from Ireland] in October, I am very honored to have been asked to be a part of this year’s Comedy for a Cause, there is a wonderful energy about the event and I’m totally psyched about performing,” stated Comedy For A Cause headliner, Colin Ryan.

“When I was asked to do this benefit last year, I was excited to help with such a great cause...but when I saw the turnout and support for this event, I was absolutely amazed.” says comedian Jim Petersen. “The talent is top-notch. DubStar does such a great job that I consider it an honor to be a part of this event.”

Ten acts will perform for the event, including Quad Cities’ residents: Brandon Gale, David Rotz, Chris Starman, Jim Petersen, Trish Mathias, and David Casas, and Tom Pearce who is type 1

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diabetic himself. The event will be headlined by Ryan from Monticello and the Tuttle Twins from Champaign, IL, and hosted by Bobby Ray Bunch of Bettendorf.

JDRF is a leader in setting the agenda for diabetes research worldwide, and is the largest charitable funder and advocate of type 1 research. The mission of JDRF is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. Type 1 diabetes is a disease which strikes children and adults suddenly and requires multiple injections of insulin daily or a continuous infusion of insulin through a pump. According to the American Diabetes Association, an estimated 25.8 million people in the United States, 8.3% of the population, have diabetes, with 7 million going undiagnosed.

DubStar is an amateur fundraising group founded in 2008 by Tony Boyer and Chris Starman; both have histories related to helping diabetics. DubStar's mission is to make a positive impact on deserving charities or groups, through fun and unique ways; "*Party With A Purpose*". In January, DubStar hosted Minute To Win It, a recreation of the popular TV game show that raised funds for the Quad Cities Autism Center, and drew attention from NBC producers. Additional information can be found at the DubStar website, www.facebook.com/DubStarQC

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