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Women Writing for (a) Change Presents High Energy Benefit

Cincinnati, OH—On July 19th at Go Bananas Comedy Club, twelve women writers took the stage in a hilarious fundraiser for Women Writing for (a) Change®. High energy sparked through the evening as the comics, most performing stand-up routines for the first time, brought down the house with laughter and applause!

Coached by Teri Foltz, playwright, poet and occasional stand-up comic, the writers transformed into courageous, funny performers for an evening of laughter and hilarity. *An Evening of Female Comics* evolved over its five year history, from originally featuring comediennes who were regulars on the stand-up comedy circuit and who graciously agreed to perform for this event. This year's evening of rollicking fun delighted from start to finish entirely showcasing women writers affiliated with Women Writing for (a) Change. What a show it was!

Emcees Teri Foltz and Sandy Lingo hosted the show as a duo, humorously playing best friends whose identities have become intermingled. The ten comics moved the show along in rapid-fire laughs: Susan Branscome, Angela Derrick, Annie Donnellon Davis, Brittany Freudiger, Diane Germaine, Laila Hameen, Claudia Kasvin, Eva Lewandowski, Hope Miller and Ned Sneed.

This evening of rollicking fun provides support for writing programs at Women Writing for (a) Change--the same programs attended by the women performing in the show. Women Writing for (a) Change provides a safe and non-competitive environment for individuals to develop their writing skills, cultivate their creativity and strengthen their voices. Supportive writing circles encourage writing as a process of self-discovery and self-expression, with the focus on process rather than product. Classes provide a unique setting in which honoring each other's words enriches participants' lives.

In celebration of 25 years, Women Writing for (a) Change offers a 2016 Anniversary Author Series in 2016, with Friday evening readings free to the public. Coming up November 4th, Cincinnati novelist Leah Stewart will present the final reading in the series. Previous speakers were Alison Luterman and George Ella Lyon.

Information on Women Writing for (a) Change can be found at www.womenwriting.org or by calling 272-1171.

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[Photos: Emcee and Comic Teri Foltz of Ft. Thomas, KY; Emcee and Comic Sandy Lingo of downtown Cincinnati; Susan Branscome of Oakley; Angela Derrick of Madisonville; Annie Donnellon Davis of Kenwood; Brittany Freudiger of Covedale; Diane Germaine of Kennedy Heights; Laila Hameen of Pleasant Ridge; Claudia Kasvin of Montgomery; Eva Lewandowski of Columbia Tusculum; Hope Miller of Northside; and Ned Sneed of Deer Park.

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