

Helping those in need, and laughing along the way

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You gotta love comedian Mary Wessling.

“My, how time flies when no one is laughing,” she writes in an e-mail to me.

“But that’s soon to change because I am presenting my next comedy show on Friday, Oct. 23, around 7 p.m. at the Green Bean (341 S. Elm St.) in beautiful downtown Greensboro, North Carolina — home of the Fighting Quakers, Spartans, Aggies, Bennett Women, Pride and GALs.”

Here’s her top six reasons for attending the show:

1. “This show is a fundraiser for Joseph’s House so bring your spare bills and change.”

The nonprofit Joseph’s House (www.josephshouse.net) provides a residential setting for homeless young adults, including those who have aged out of the foster-care system but are still in high school.

2. “This show will feature some of the best comedy a middle-aged broad who works full time can write and perform.”

3. “This show is not recommended for anyone under 16 because research shows most people under that age do not find me funny.”

4. “The lovely establishment where this show will take place features a wide selection of wine, beer, sodas, teas, coffees and water — all at reasonable prices.”

5. “The event will feature some free food and plenty of mingling before and after the show. (Please, minimize the mingling during the show.)”

6. “My best audience so far has been the one that shows up ready to laugh. Don’t break this chain or you will have 22 months of so-so luck.”

Wessling, involved through the community and her Catholic parish in trying to find ways to improve the lives of others, is asking those who can’t make it to consider making a donation directly to Joseph’s House: P.O. Box 7979, Greensboro, NC 27417, or making a purchase at the nonprofit’s thrift shop at 709 E. Market St., Suite 106. (To request executive director Nancy McLean to speak to your group or church, call 389-9880 or e-mail nancy@josephshouse.net.)