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## **Nearly \$600,000 raised for Portland's homeless youth at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Steve Allen Comedy Show starring Wanda Sykes**

PORTLAND, OREGON: 10.18.2018 – On Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Steve Allen Comedy Show starring Wanda Sykes raised \$592,000 for Portland nonprofit New Avenues for Youth. The annual event, presented by Windermere Realty Trust, provides critical support of New Avenues' programs for youth experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Since its inception, the Steve Allen Comedy Show has raised more than \$6 million in support for New Avenues for Youth.

"Too many young people are experiencing homelessness and many more are at risk," said Joan Allen from the Windermere Foundation. "New Avenues not only provides a safe place for young people to get the skills they need to be more self-sufficient, but they're committed to moving upstream to address the root causes of youth homelessness. Windermere shares that commitment and is proud to be a partner and supporter of New Avenues and the resilient young people they serve."

Since 1997, New Avenues for Youth's programs and services have impacted more than 20,000 youth as they work to overcome barriers, pursue their goals, and realize their potential.

"Windermere Realty Trust and the Windermere Foundation shares our commitment to creating equitable access to education, employment, and housing, and reaching the most vulnerable in our community," said Sean Suib, Executive Director of New Avenues for Youth. "Their generous support of this annual event and partnership with New Avenues continues to have a significant impact on our efforts to prevent and end youth homelessness, and we are truly grateful."

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### **About New Avenues for Youth**

**New Avenues for Youth** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention and intervention of youth homelessness. From supporting basic needs like meals and counseling to providing opportunities for education, job training, employment, and housing, we meet youth where they are—and help them get where they want to go. For more information, go to [www.newavenues.org](http://www.newavenues.org).