



News Release

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“Brain Freeze” May is Stroke Awareness Month!

AWARD-WINNING COMEDY WRITER, JOHN KAWIE, performs acclaimed one-man show, *“Brain Freeze,”* on **Thursday, May 22nd at the Stockton Empire Theatre.**

(Stockton, CA) – Calling all Stroke Survivors, Families, Service Providers, and Friends **Thursday May 22nd** for laughter and enjoyment during *Stroke Awareness Month*. Award-winning Comedy Writer, **JOHN KAWIE**, performs acclaimed one-man show, *“Brain Freeze,”* at *Healings in Motion’s “STROKED FOR LIFE” AWARDS DINNER at the Stockton Empire Theatre in Stockton, California. The evening begins at 7pm with dinner, followed by a Special Presentation to *Pine Street Physical and Occupational Therapy* as the **2008 “Coach for Life”** Champions Award Recipient. The performance starts at 8:15pm.*

Kawie, a respected performer who worked in concert with the likes of Dennis Miller, Bill Maher and Howie Mandel, had a Stroke at the height of his career. After years of recovery, he wrote and produced *“Brain Freeze.”* Kawie has received rave reviews from the *New York Times* and *The New York Daily News*. He was awarded Best Solo Show Fringe NYC.

“I laughed. I cried and everything in between,” says author Gary Greenburg. *“What a journey. Between crying and laughing it is thrilling exhaustion,”* exclaimed actor Mark Birch. The performance of *“Brain Freeze”* follows a dinner that includes the distinguished *“Coach for Life”* Champions Award to Pine Street Physical and Occupational Therapy.

Pine Street, located at 34 East Pine Street in Stockton, was founded in 2001.

It was selected for this distinctive honor because of its positive double-goal coaching skills. Pine Street’s attitude of inclusion, respect and dignity throughout the recovery process is laudable. Pine Street is committed to restoring quality of life to clients and improving function through the use of manual therapy techniques, targeted exercise and patient education. Its staff promotes a team spirit and provides a comfortable atmosphere for patients to interact and encourage one another’s recovery.



Pine Street's specialties include Pre and Post-surgical rehabilitation, Advanced Manual Therapy, Prosthetic training, Higher functioning neurological impairments and Comprehensive Hand Therapy. Additionally, its professional staff keeps up with the latest research in order to ensure patients receive current scientific evidence-based physical therapy interventions. Pine Street redefines the champion that exists in all of us... the attitude to NEVER GIVE UP in recovery or in life. It is *Healing in Motion's* extreme pleasure to recognize Pine Street as this year's "Coach for Life" Champions Award Recipient.

Healings in Motion is a faith-based agency that facilitates programs that connect people, resources and services, and inspires hope and recovery. *Healings in Motion* enlarges the social sphere of those who may feel they are alone in their recovery from a Stroke or other debilitating disease. Our mission is to lower the incidences of Strokes throughout the Central Valley by developing compelling community outreach programs; calling for continued improvement in the quality of patient care; and advocating team building between patients and healthcare professionals.

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