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Marriage Matters Jackson's Premiere Fundraiser Set for May 21 *A Couples Comedy Carnival Planned at JCC*

JACKSON, Mich.-- Marriage Matters Jackson invites everyone to its premiere fundraising event Sat., May 21, 7 p.m. at Jackson Community College's Potter Center. A Couples Comedy Carnival is the theme for the semi-formal evening of laughter to benefit couples and children.

"Everything we do is about making our community stronger by making marriages and families stronger," notes Shelby Raines, MMJ's Managing Director. "Our work is a perfect complement to the many efforts in Jackson surrounding early childhood, health and wellness, domestic violence, college readiness and much more -- studies show children in intact homes are safer, do better in school, are less likely to engage in risky behavior and are happier. Couples in healthy relationships make better employees and better citizens. MMJ's work impacts everyone."

Keeping with its reputation of learning through fun and food, MMJ's fundraising event will feature a delicious dinner and nationally performing husband-and-wife comedy team Kerri Pomarolli and Ron McGehee. The pair have performed on *Last Comic Standing*, *The Tonight Show* and *Comedy Central*.

Tickets to the evening festivities are \$99 per couple with a portion of the proceeds from the evening helping MMJ continue its work to help strengthen marriages -- benefitting couples, children, business, education, health care -- every aspect of our community life. The event is a semi-formal affair. **Register online at MarriageMattersJackson.com; or call (517) 796-5116 for more information.**

"MMJ has been fortunate to have the support of the Weathwax Foundation, but as the Foundation winds down its work with local non profits it is imperative that we gain community and private financial support to continue our vision to promote, prepare and preserve healthy marriages."

MMJ will transform the JCC Potter Center into a Carnival of sights and sounds, filled with food and fun. Guests will be treated to a delicious dinner and moving tales shared by MMJ's Shelby Raines, who will show and tell how giving to MMJ impacts our community, especially children. After a delightful dessert, Kerri Pomarolli and Ron McGehee will take the stage and entertain with their (mostly) true funny life stories. From beginning to end, the MMJ's Couples Carnival will be an unforgettable event!