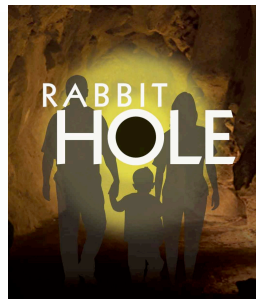
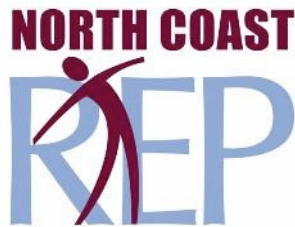


FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES NIGHT AT THE THEATRE
A BENEFIT FOR THE JENNA DRUCK FOUNDATION

APRIL 24, 2009 8:00 PM

North Coast Repertory Theatre

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A Special Invitation to our Families and Friends
of The Jenna Druck Foundation

From Staff Psychologist, Dr. Lori Rappaport

I have had the privilege of working with the North Coast Repertory Theater on their current production of "The Rabbit Hole", David Lindsay-Abaire's 2007 Pulitzer Prize winning play about a young family's struggle to move forward after the loss of their young son. It is an excellent production and one I hope you will all consider attending together with us on April 24, as the JDF hosts a post show discussion following the play with the cast and director, and a dessert reception catered by Paradise Grille.

Davis Lindsay-Abaire, wrote this play following a challenge by a teacher of his to write about something that "scares you the most." Being the father of a young son, he could think of nothing else scarier than to lose him, and so came *Rabbit Hole*. The playwright wanted to assure that those who performed this play understood the various dimensions of grief, and how this affected the lives and relationships of those left to go on. I believe he accurately captured the experience of many bereaved individuals, from their own internal struggles, to those within their marriage, with their own parents and siblings, close friends and the outside world. He writes:

"Yes, Rabbit Hole is a play about a bereaved family, but that does not mean they go through the day glazed over, on the verge of tears, morose or inconsolable.....The characters are, instead, highly functional, unsentimental,

spirited, and often funny people who are trying to maneuver their way through their grief and around each other as best they can.”

The Director, Stephen Elton, wanted to be sure they accurately portrayed the experience of grief in their production, and contacted JDF to help educate him and the cast on the journey of grief. What transpired is a powerful, moving and educative piece of theater not to be missed. The actors have done an incredible job of showing the layers of grief, and how the way others perceive us to be, may not at all reflect how we truly are feeling on the inside. I cannot recommend this play highly enough to our families, friends, and the extended community as it's portrayal of grief reminds us it is an important part of our life's journey.

Please join us on this very special evening, and in a discussion with the director, actors and audience following the play. Feel free to share this with family and friends.

I look forward to sharing this experience with you and hearing your thoughts about the play on April 24.

Fondly,

Dr. Lori Rappaport

Call North Coast Rep at 858-481-1055 to purchase tickets

Use the special promotion code “Jenna Druck”

Box Office Hours are Noon – 4 pm Everyday

Tickets are \$35 and over \$9 of that ticket price will support our year round programs for bereaved families.