

HOW A LOCAL COMEDY NIGHT Sparked a Community Movement in Totowa

What started as a simple idea — to bring more joy and laughter into the community — has quickly become one of Totowa’s favorite nights out. Founded by local stand-up comedian and single mom **Stana Novak**, *Laughter & Company* is a boutique comedy production brand that’s making big waves... one punchline at a time.

Hosted right here in town at the ever-cozy **Uncorked Wine Lounge**, these live stand-up comedy shows are more than just entertainment — they’re a local phenomenon. Stana, who began producing shows in early 2024, says it started as a leap of faith after years of putting her dreams on the back burner. “In my 40s, I finally decided to stop waiting and just go for it,” she shares. “We did one show, and the response was incredible.”

That first show? It completely sold out. Standing room only. “There was this buzz in the air — real magic,” Stana recalls. “People didn’t want to leave. They stayed, laughing and asking when the next one was.”

Since then, *Laughter & Company* is becoming a Totowa staple — a space for shared joy, local pride, and world-class comedy. Featuring a mix of fresh local talent, seasoned pros, and nationally recognized names (including recent guest Liz Glazer fresh off *The Tonight Show*), the shows are always high-energy and full of surprises.

But beyond the laughs, *Laughter & Company* has a deeper mission: **to build community through comedy**. “Comedy breaks down walls,” Stana says. “It reminds us we’re human, that we’re in this together. Our shows are less like an event and more like a hangout with great friends.”

Stana credits her two teenage kids as her biggest inspiration — both for starting the company and for staying the course. “They’re the reason I do this,” she says. “I want them to see what it means to take a risk, to chase something meaningful — no matter how late you start.”

Whether you come solo or with a group of friends, one thing’s for sure: *Comedy Night at Uncorked* feels like home. With laughter echoing off the walls, good wine in hand, and that perfect blend of small-town charm and big-time comedy, it’s become a place where people come to shake off stress and reconnect.

“Life’s heavy enough,” Stana adds with a smile. “We all need a reason to get out, laugh a little, and feel like we belong. That’s what this is about.”

So Totowa — if you’re looking for something real, something local, something full of joy — *Laughter & Company* has a seat waiting for you.

Visit our website laughterco.com for more information. Follow *Laughter & Company* on Instagram @laughterandcompany for future show dates at Uncorked Wine Lounge.



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