

## Debra Lynn Ginsberg...the force behind Ginsberg Productions

Debra Ginsberg, while acting in community theater in Connecticut and New York, once had hopes of starring on Broadway. However, she has since answered to a much higher calling.

As the force behind Ginsberg Productions, a not-for-profit community acting and production company, Ginsberg has brought high-quality theater to South Florida venues including Key Largo's Murray E. Nelson Government and Cultural Center. Her energy and philanthropy has brought "The Producers," "Steel Magnolias" and "The Rocky Horror Show" to the Center in past years.

"We have taken community acting and performing to a new level, not normally available locally. We don't miss a beat," she said.

Besides providing acting and other theater opportunities to aspiring local thespians, Ginsberg has taken a page from her philanthropic father, Bob Gintel, and has already performed pro bono shows for elderly residents at assisted living facilities in Cutler Ridge and Forest Trace at Inverness in Broward County. Plans to include Homestead facilities are on the drawing board.

In 2006, as the major force behind another theatrical production company, she raised \$37,000 for Mariners Hospital, and along with her parents' family foundation she helped provide a technologically sophisticated electronic monitoring system that gives an extra level of care to critically ill patients, according to



Sheila Konczewski, Mariners Manager of Marketing and Public Relations.

"We are so grateful to have someone as passionate and giving as Debra and her family members as supporters," said Wendy Gentes, Development Officer of the Mariners Hospital Foundation. "Their contributions, over a period of many years, have made a significant impact on Mariners Hospital."

Typical of Ginsberg's modesty, she gives major credit to all the actors, stagehands, and others who have made her productions not only possible, but also so successful.

"We have detectives, teachers, lawyers and people of all backgrounds and walks of life in our group of performing artists who donate their time and talents, not just for the joy

of performing before audiences, but for the philanthropic gratification received, as well," she said. "Without them I have nothing. I would like to pay a sincerely felt tribute to all those actors who have ever worked at my side."

Ginsberg opened her first acting company in 1999 - Actors for Charity Theatrical Alliance - in hopes of raising money for charity.

"I've done this for many years," she said. "It certainly is one of the main missions in my life."

Her parents' Gintel Family Foundation supports the Ocean Reef Summer Youth Performing Arts Group, called "Broadway Bound."

"I want to raise money to bring 10

Key Largo students to this camp next summer," Ginsberg said.

"The arts are so important to kids. It brings them self-awareness and helps some children overcome shyness while giving them people skills. It gives people of all ages a sense of purpose."

Once again Debra will bring "The Rocky Horror Show" to the Murray Nelson stage for two nights: on Halloween, October 31 and again on November 1.

In March of 2014 she will produce at least three performances of the exciting musical smash hit "Cabaret" and later in the year will debut "I Don't Care," an original work written by Broward County resident Michael Vadnal, a long-time member of Debra's group of performers. He plays a major role in the forthcoming "Rocky Horror Show." All performances will be presented at the Murray Nelson Center at mile marker 102 in Key Largo.

Tickets to "The Rocky Horror Show" are \$25. Visit the Ginsberg Productions' [ginsbergproductions.com](http://ginsbergproductions.com) website or call (toll free) 866-535-7994. Tickets may be purchased at the door if any remain unsold.



Ginsberg perfects makeup for "Rocky Horror Show" actor Amedeo Falgiatore.

### Michael Vaughan Benefit

Saturday 10/12/13 2pm - 8pm

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Mike Vaughan 18, CSHS Class of 2013 National Honor Society Graduate and Outstanding Community Member, recently lost 100% of his vision and is undergoing multiple eye surgeries. Medical expenses will be tens of thousands after insurance. Mike has given of himself volunteering for more than 750 hours at Coral Shores High School. He and his family volunteered for nearly every event for Coral Shores and ICE "Islamorada Community Entertainment".

Mike did all this while maintaining a 4.0+ GPA and being an example for others to follow representing Monroe County School District in Academic Excellence Programs. Mike is now in serious need of our help. I hope we show our appreciation for all he's done, by helping him now.

**Let's Work Together**

**To Help Mike Vaughan**

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Whistle Stop MM 82.6 (A great "Beat Your Meatloaf" contest during the event)

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