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Comedy night to benefit New Eyes for the Needy

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DERRY — One young man's dream to help others continues to come true.

Pinkerton Academy sophomore Dylan Mahalingam continues his quest to bring help and hope to people around the world. He helped organize a comedy night on Oct. 16 to benefit the nonprofit New Eyes for the Needy.

The event is sponsored by the Nestle Very Best in Youth Foundation and is one of several similar events being held around the country that day to support the charity and bring awareness of the 670 million people around the world who are blind or vision impaired.

Featured standup comedians set to appear include Dan Ahdoot and Tarun Shetty, both renowned entertainers in television and in performances around the nation.

Dylan, 14, has spent years working on causes and projects to help others. He began the organization "Lil' MDG" to help meet the United Nations Millennium Development Goals after a trip to India where he witnessed much poverty.

He wanted to do something, "even if it was small," he said after that trip.

Since then, Dylan has also won numerous awards for his volunteerism. He recently returned from a trip to New York City as part of a special youth summit at the United Nations.

Dylan said he is surprised at how successful his ventures have been, but is quick to credit all the volunteers and support he gets from others to carry out his projects.

"A lot of people are working together for a common good," he said. "And when that happens, it will get accomplished."

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 for students. Pinkerton students pay just \$15.

VIP tickets cost \$50 and include admittance to a pre-event reception beginning at 5:45 p.m. Doors for the show open at 6:30 p.m.

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