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**SAFE HARBOUR “NIGHT WITHOUT A TUX” GALA FEATURES POPULAR CARTOONIST**

Robb Armstrong, creator of the JumpStart comic strip and author of “Fearless A Cartoonist’s Guide to Life,” is the featured speaker at Safe Harbour’s tenth annual “Night Without A Tux” fundraising gala, on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at the Carlisle Country Club.

Robb Armstrong, a native of Philadelphia, struck gold with his daily strip, JumpStart, which he began in 1988. JumpStart strip is considered the most-widely syndicated comic strip from an African-American author in history.

JumpStart focuses on the Cobb family in Philadelphia. The heads of the family are Joseph “Joe” Cobb Sr., a city police officer, and Marcy Cobb, a nurse. Their kids, daughter Sunny, son JoJo, and twins Tommi and Teddy round out the rest of the cast. The basic theme of Jump Start are the trials and tribulations of a regular middle-class Black family. Armstrong’s comic regularly features characters who are homeless or have been homeless but now have transitioned to successful lives. He frequently features storylines about shelters, homelessness, and supporting individuals in need and/or organizations who assist those individuals.

In 2016, Armstrong published the book, “Fearless A Cartoonists Guide to Life.” In Fearless, Armstrong weaves personal stories of a traumatic childhood and the transcendent power of art together with drawing tutorials and original illustrations in a compelling guide to living through the good times and the bad.

“Night Without A Tux” raises funds to support Safe Harbour’s mission of providing housing and supportive services for homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families to help them achieve independent living by increasing their basic life skills. The event also features dinner, music and dancing with Jazz Me, and a Silent Auction. Tickets are \$75 per person for the event and may be purchased three ways:

- Online at Safe Harbour’s Web site, [www.safeharbour.org](http://www.safeharbour.org);
- Via e-mail at [info@safeharbour.org](mailto:info@safeharbour.org); or
- By calling Safe Harbour at 717-249-2200

Safe Harbour provides a continuum of housing services for homeless individuals and families in Cumberland County. Safe Harbour’s services include operating a short-term temporary shelter program for families and single females who are in desperate need of a secure place to live and an environment to begin getting their lives under control; a long-term temporary shelter program that helps individuals and families in need of longer-term assistance to continue acquiring the skills necessary for independent living and a productive life style; and single-room-occupancy (SRO) permanent housing facilities that

offer housing opportunities to single individuals who are ready for independent living, but need additional "life support."

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