



PROGRESS MICHIGAN

POWERING PROGRESS TOGETHER

Presents “Stand Up for Progress”

Featuring Trae Crowder (the “Liberal Redneck”)
With Special Guests Corey Forrester and Drew Morgan



Lansing Show

Date: Friday, April 20th, 2018
Time: *Pre-show Reception* 6:00 – 6:45PM
Program 7:00PM
Location: The Cadillac Room
1115 South Washington Avenue
Lansing, MI 48910

Warren Show

Date: Saturday, April 21st, 2018
Time: *Pre-show Reception* 6:00 – 6:45PM
Program 7:00PM
Location: MRCC Banquet Center
23401 Mound Road
Warren, MI 48091

Sponsorship Levels: \$15,000
\$10,000
\$7,500
\$5,000

\$2,500
\$1,000
\$500
\$250

Individual tickets are available online. For more information, please visit
www.progressmichigan.org

For more info, please contact Caitlin O’Rourke at (517) 485-9127 or by email at
caitlin@capitolfundraising.com

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About the WellRed Comedy Tour: From Dixie with Love:

Trae Crowder (The Liberal Redneck), Drew Morgan and Corey Ryan Forrester are stand-up comedy and writing partners. The trio has been touring nationally to sold out clubs and theatres in support of their best-selling book, *Liberal Redneck Manifesto: Draggin Dixie Outta the Dark*. Progress Michigan is excited to host the comedy trio as official stops on this year’s tour, **wellRED: From Dixie with Love**, which is described as being about celebrating everything great about the South and telling stories from a place of love. It’s about dancing to country music at a gay wedding. It’s about loving your neighbor whether you have the same religion, skin color, or sexual preference, as long as they cheer for the same college football team. It is about leaving behind bigotry, but remembering the fried okra.

Trae, Corey and Drew have been featured guests on *The View* (ABC), *Real Time with Bill Maher* (HBO), *Nightline* (ABC), *Last Word with Lawrence O’Donnell* (MSNBC), *CNN Tonight with Don Lemon* and various programs on MTV, MSNBC, CNN, BBC, Fusion, NPR and SiriusXM. They also co-host their own topical weekly podcast recorded on the road, **wellRED podcast**, which has reached over 1.5 Million downloads internationally.

About Trae Crowder:

Trae Crowder grew up in the small town of Celina in Tennessee. Crowder recently gained national attention for his series of “Liberal Redneck” videos which went viral. In 1998, at the age of 12 and after seeing Chris Rock on HBO, he decided he wanted to be a comedian. Crowder has been performing intellectual comedy with a Southern twist for six years. He is a writer and is currently a member of NBC Universal’s Talent Infusion Program after being invited to their Late Night Writer’s Workshop in 2015. Recently, ABC has given a script commitment to a half-hour single-camera comedy show starring Crowder.

About Corey Forrester:

Corey Forrester has been writing and performing stand-up comedy since he was a teenager. His North Georgia roots have given him an affinity for Southern wit and storytelling. Corey’s stand up blends humor and common sense into a high energy act that is as full of as many silly faces and goofy jokes as it is emotionally driven tangents. Under his PBR hat is a giant head, and under that are surprisingly thought provoking rants on society, culture, and politics.

About Drew Morgan:

Drew Morgan is from rural Sunbright, Tennessee and draws from his experiences growing up in a small-town as the son of a preacher and a librarian. Morgan’s act weaves together stories from observations on culture, religion, and identity. Drew’s humor is sly and biting, you’ll notice he has a big chip on his shoulder – it is BBQ flavored. He is a good dancer.



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Our mission is to provide a strong credible voice that holds public officials and government accountable, assists in the promotion of progressive ideas and uses state-of-the-art web based new media to creatively build grassroots support for progressive ideas.

But we don't do it alone. Progress Michigan works as a communications team and media hub for the entire progressive community. We're a marketing department for progressive ideas – a campaign that never stops. We work year round to challenge conservative propoganda in the media and make sure that progressive perspectives are heard.

Host Committee

(in formation as of 11.13.17)

Gerald Acker
Bob Allison
Mark Brewer
Barb Byrum
Lisa Canada
Rana Elmir
John Freeman
Barry Goodman
Jon Hoadley
John Keserich
Zack Pohl
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Doug Pratt
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Sponsorship Levels

\$15,000 Sponsor

- Highlight in pre-program video shown at both events,
- 10 tickets to pre-show reception with cocktails and appetizers at your choice of show,
- 10 tickets to comedy show with priority seating, your choice of show,
- 10 trucker hats and koozies,
- Signed poster,
- Sponsor recognition from the stage at both events,
- Sponsor recognition in print materials,
- Sponsor recognition on thank you boards and screens at both events, and
- 2 photos with the talent at each show (4 total)

\$10,000 Sponsor

- 8 tickets to pre-show reception with cocktails and appetizers at your choice of show,
- 8 tickets to comedy show with priority seating, your choice of show,
- 8 trucker hats and koozies,
- Signed poster,
- Sponsor recognition from the stage at both events,
- Sponsor recognition in print materials,
- Sponsor recognition on thank you boards and screens at both events, and
- 1 photo with the talent at each show (2 total)

\$7,500 Sponsor

- 6 tickets to pre-show reception with cocktails and appetizers at your choice of show,
- 6 tickets to comedy show with priority seating, your choice of show,
- 6 trucker hats and koozies,
- Signed poster,
- Sponsor recognition from the stage at both events,
- Sponsor recognition in print materials, Sponsor recognition on thank you boards and screens at both events, and
- 1 photo with the talent following the show.

\$5,000 Sponsor

- 4 tickets to pre-show reception at your choice of show,
- 4 tickets to comedy show with priority seating, your choice of show,
- 4 trucker hats and koozies,
- Signed poster,
- Sponsor recognition from the stage at both events, and
- Sponsor recognition in print materials.

\$2,500 Sponsor

- 2 tickets to pre-show reception at your choice of show,
- 2 tickets to comedy show priority seating, your choice of show,
- 2 trucker hats and koozies,
- Signed poster, and
- Sponsor recognition in print materials.

\$1,000 Sponsor

- 2 tickets to pre-show reception at your choice of show,
- 2 tickets to comedy show priority seating, your choice of show,
- 2 trucker hats and koozies,
- Poster (not signed), and
- Sponsor recognition in print materials.

\$500 Sponsor

- 2 tickets to comedy show priority seating, your choice of show,
- 2 trucker hats and koozies,
- Poster (not signed), and
- Sponsor recognition in print materials.

\$250 Sponsor

- 1 ticket to comedy show priority seating, your choice of show,
- 1 trucker hats and koozie,
- Poster (not signed)
- Sponsor recognition in print materials

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Sponsor Commitment Form

Please fax this form to (517) 485-9220 or mail/email to the address below.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Follow-up Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

Follow-up Contact E-mail: _____

YES, I/we will sponsor the event at the following level:

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$7,500

\$5,000

\$2,500

\$1000

\$500

\$250

Payment Information:

A check for the full amount is enclosed

Please invoice me for the full amount

Please bill my credit card: Progress Michigan 501(c)(4) Engage Michigan 501(c)(3)

Card type: _____ CVC: _____

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

**Please make check payable to either: Progress Michigan 501(c)(4) or
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**Mail to: 215 S. Washington Sq., Suite 135
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