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## News Release

Chicago, Ill. (November 29, 2016) - Comedian, Sebastian Maniscalco awarded Volunteers of America of Illinois with a donation contribution of \$17,000 during his show at Chicago Theatre on his *WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT? TOUR*. Volunteers of America of Illinois' President and CEO, Nancy Hughes Moyer was able to come up on stage, talk about services provided and receive the donation check. "It was a wonderful experience and a great opportunity to share our story and our mission with a large audience," said Moyer. The funds donated by Maniscalco will be used to serve Veterans in serious instability in our Veterans programs. To learn more about the work we do for Veterans in Chicago, please go to: [www.voailinois.org](http://www.voailinois.org).



### About Sebastian Maniscalco

This year's Just for Laughs' Stand Up Comedian of the Year, Sebastian Maniscalco has sold out more than a dozen venues in New York City's comedy circuit in the last year alone and has been distinguished by The New

York Times as a comic with his "own kind of panache." The Chicago native that now resides in Los Angeles premiered his third special on Showtime, *SEBASTIAN MANISCALCO: WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?*, Oct. 1. It was the highest premiere on Showtime in 2016. Sebastian can also be seen in his hilarious Showtime specials *AREN'T YOU EMBARRASSED?* and *SEBASTIAN MANISCALCO: WHAT'S WRONG WITH PEOPLE?* now both on Netflix, as well as *SEBASTIAN LIVE!*, which aired on Comedy Central. The 2014 American Comedy award nominee for Best Club Comedian has appeared on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," "Late Night with Seth Meyers," "Conan" and Jerry Seinfeld's "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee," as well as coming on as a popular guest on the podcasts, "WTF with Marc Maron" and "The Joe Rogan Experience" and starring in his own wildly popular "The Pete and Sebastian Show" podcast every Friday night. Sebastian can next be seen alongside Will Ferrell and Amy Poehler in *THE HOUSE*, as well as starring alongside Spencer Boldman and Emily Ratajkowski in *CRUISE*, written and directed by Rob Siegel.

### **About Volunteers of America of Illinois**

Volunteers of America of Illinois is dedicated to helping people of all ages create positive and lasting change in their lives through programs that support, empower and transform. This tradition calls us to seek out and restore hope to those who have been forgotten or left behind. We re-build shattered families and broken communities by bringing real solutions to the most vulnerable populations in Illinois – including veterans in crises, the elderly and children in foster care. Bringing real solutions means creating positive and lasting change to more than 1,000 people each year.

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