

# Just Be 'Claus' It's Christmas

## DVD raises funds for Cancer for College

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**B**AKER CITY — Local actors have collaborated with an acting troupe in Texas to create a holiday-themed DVD to raise funds for the nonprofit organization Cancer for College.

Copies of "Just Be 'Claus' It's Christmas" are on sale now for \$15 each at Random Resales, 2450 Cherry St. Each DVD comes with a treat box.

DVDs can also be purchased online at [www.actorsstudioinc.com/shop-or-donate-now](http://www.actorsstudioinc.com/shop-or-donate-now).

This is a production of Actors Studio Inc. The short plays recorded in Baker City were directed by Cherie Evans. The skits filmed in Texas were directed by Leanne Hinkle, who recently relocated there from Baker County.

Proceeds from the DVD sales will go to Cancer for College, which provides college scholarships to cancer survivors. The nonprofit was founded by Craig

Pollard, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease at age 15. He beat that, but then the cancer came back when he was 19 and attending the University of Southern California. During his senior year at the USC Business School, Pollard wrote a business plan for a charity that would provide college scholarships to cancer survivors. He called it Cancer for College.

The local connection to that nonprofit is Isabella Evans, who beat leukemia and is a four-time recipient of a Cancer for College

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- Fundraiser for Cancer for College featuring actors from Baker City and Texas
- \$15 for the DVD and treat box
- Random Resales, 2450 Cherry St.
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scholarship. She is currently a senior at Eastern Oregon University. She also stars in several of



Cherie Evans/Contributed image

In "The Santa Interviews," Santa Claus interviews a cast of characters for the position of cookie supervisor. Here Santa (Doug Evans) and Gimble (Isabella Evans, center) interview Prancer, played by Hailey Arends.



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Santa and Mrs. Claus (Doug Evans and Lisa Ensworth) look over the "nice and naughty list" during a skit for "Just Be 'Claus' It's Christmas."

the plays featured on "Just Be 'Claus' It's Christmas."

Actor Will Farrell is a major supporter of Cancer for College, and he will match any funds raised by the sales. (Each year Farrell pledges to match up to \$250,000 — to learn more, visit [www.classy.org/campaign/will-ferrells-holiday-miracle-match-madness-donation-challenge/c376289](http://www.classy.org/campaign/will-ferrells-holiday-miracle-match-madness-donation-challenge/c376289).)

Plays featured on the DVD include "The Gift of the Magi," "The Fruitcake Zone," "Elf Locker Room," "Scrooge's Christmas Eve" and "The Santa Interviews." Local actors include Doug Evans, Isabella Evans, Lisa Ensworth, Kendall Cikanek, Jarren Cikanek and Max Jacoby. Gary Hutton created the DVD.

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