

## After 2 Years Dark, Local Home Haunt Returns This Season as Non-Profit Charity

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**Los Angeles, Feb 7, 2019** ([IssueWire.com](http://IssueWire.com)) - Gothic Hills Cemetery, a local “home haunt” will be back this year after 2 years of unexpected darkness. This free family Halloween event is launching a reboot effort that needs your help.

In 2016, the small community haunted house welcomed 666 guests through its gates in 4 nights. Well, the official count was 660, but the haunt's founder, Troy Yu, thinks they missed at least 6 guests in the count. “It was our biggest year, and we were just getting started with the Fitzroy story. We weren’t expecting such a great response. We were so excited,” he said. The response included a nomination for 2016's best home haunt and an invitation to showcase the haunt at Midsummer Scream, the world’s largest Halloween and horror convention at the Long Beach Convention Center.

As they were beginning the initial planning for the convention, the team was sidelined by an unexpected loss of the home they haunted. “The landlord where I was living did not renew our lease,” Troy explains. “We weren't given any warning. When it expired, we had to hurry and find a new home fast. The urgency of moving meant we had to dispose of the haunt. It was devastating for me. Over a decade of working

on this, and it was all gone in a weekend. I didn't think I'd haunt again."

After two years of quiet, the spirits are restless. Troy and Creative Director, Aaron Bolton, are ready to bring the cemetery back to life. At a new location in Sylmar (which is now owned), they are reinvigorated with purpose.

The Gothic Hills Foundation, their newly formed charitable non-profit, will use the event contribute to the community around them. "We've always collected donated supplies for local non-profit charities, but now we're officially making that part of our mission," Troy says.

In addition to haunting the neighborhood at Halloween time, they will be showcasing their haunt in the Hall of Shadows at Midsummer Scream, after all. "We are excited to have Gothic Hills Cemetery represented this summer in the Hall of Shadows," says Rick West, Creative Director of Midsummer Scream. "The first time I experienced Gothic Hills, I was wowed and knew that we had to showcase what their team has created for their fans and neighbors at our show. It's very exciting that they are returning bigger and better before, and I know this community will get behind them and support them in any way they can."

Gothic Hills Cemetery is looking for help to get back on their feet. They've launched a fundraiser on GoFundMe ( <http://bit.ly/ghcpr-GoFundMe> ) to help raise money to restart the haunt from scratch. Any donations go directly to rebuild and operate the haunted house. If donating isn't your thing, they're also accepting volunteers to help build and operate the haunts. ( <http://bit.ly/volunteerspr> ) "We need all the help we can get," said Troy. "We're being very ambitious, but we'll pull it off. Somehow we always do."

Gothic Hills Cemetery is a story-driven, free and family oriented haunted house that operates the final week in October while collecting donated supplies for local charities.

Gothic Hills Foundation is a non-profit association that distributes the collected donations to local community charities. Info for both the event and the association can be found at [www.GothicHills.com](http://www.GothicHills.com)

Midsummer Scream is the world's largest Halloween and Horror convention, this August 3rd & 4th, 2019 at the Long Beach Convention Center. Info for this event can be found at [www.MidsummerScream.org](http://www.MidsummerScream.org)

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