Biographies continued

Nations Association-Minnesota, and chair of the United Nations Association for Global Health and the Infectious Disease Committee. He is the former chair of the Sub Saharan African Youth and Family Services in Minnesota, an honorary board member for St. Paul Mayor Randy Kelley, a committee member of the Minnesota-South Africa Health Volunteer partnership, and former president of Africa Solutions. He is the recipient of many awards, including the World AIDS Day Outstanding Community Service Award and Outstanding Minnesotan of the Year Award.

Ngashi Ngongo, M.D., is working for UNICEF as a health advisor on projects focused on the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV based at UNICEF Headquarters in New York. Before joining UNICEF, he worked on different aspects of HIV response, including prevention, care, support, and treatment in several high burden countries such as Zambia, Congo, and Botswana.

Chung To is the founder and chairperson of the Chi Heng Foundation (http://www.chihengfoundation.com/orphansproject.html), a charitable organization based in Hong Kong that focuses on AIDS prevention and care in China. Chi Heng supports the school fees of more than 2,000 students whose parents have died of or are dying of AIDS. He has been a board member of AIDS Concern, and the AIDS Prevention and Care Committee.

Steven Q. Wang, M.D., is the founder and ex-president of the China AIDS Orphan Fund (CAOF), a non-profit organization working to improve the lives of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS in central China, especially the Henan province. The goal of the CAOF is to deliver humanitarian relief work, especially provide educational resources for AIDS orphans.

Conference Location

Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs
Cowles Auditorium
301 19th Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Visit
http://onestop.umn.edu/Maps/HHHCtr/index.html
for directions and parking information.

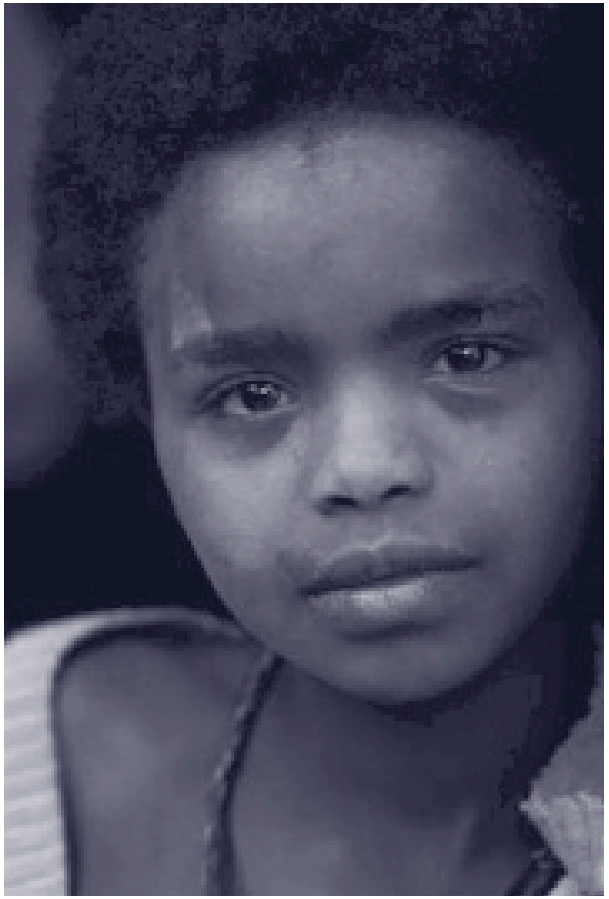
Hosted by the China AIDS Orphan Fund (www.chinaaidsorphanfund.org)

Supporting Organizations

- Children's Home Society and Family Services (www.CHSFS.org)
- Circle 88
- Minnesota International Center (www.MIGlobe.org)
- United Nations Minnesota Chapter (www.UNAMN.org)
- University of Minnesota School of Public Health (www.SPH.UMN.edu)

WORLD AIDS ORPHAN DAY CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 7, 2005
2-5 p.m.
Free and open to the public



Background

May 7, 2005 marks the fourth annual World AIDS Orphan Day, reflecting a movement aimed at encouraging governments, private corporations, humanitarian organizations, and individuals to respond to the plight of children orphaned by the international AIDS epidemic. By 2010, there are expected to be more than 100 million AIDS orphans worldwide.

Conference Overview

The World AIDS Orphan Day Conference is designed to bring together individuals from the public, non-profit, and private sectors who work on issues related to AIDS, children, international issues, and orphans, to learn about the growing AIDS orphan crisis. The objective of the conference is to build connections that will lead to future collaboration on this issue.

Conference Agenda

2 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
Minneapolis Mayor, the Honorable R.T. Rybak
Steven Q. Wang, M.D.

2:15-4:15 p.m. Speaker Presentations

Ngashi Ngonog
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Global Perspective on the AIDS Orphan Crisis

Anil Mangla, Ph.D.
United Nations Association, Minnesota
The U.S. Role in the AIDS Orphan Crisis

* **Chung To**
Chi Heng Foundation

* **Steven Q. Wang, M.D.**
China AIDS Orphan Fund

* **Jim Luce**
Orphan International Worldwide Foundation

Paul R. Bohjanen, M.D., Ph.D.
One Physician's Efforts in Africa

** The three speakers will discuss their organization's efforts to respond to the AIDS orphan crisis*

4:15-4:45 p.m. Audience Question & Answer Session
Moderated by Jeff Wigren, Children's Home Society and Family Services

4:45-6 p.m. Reception
Viewing of the art exhibit *Living Dreams in a Dying Village*, featuring photographs, drawings, and essays from AIDS orphans in Henan, China

Speaker Biographies

Paul Bohjanen, M.D., Ph.D., is an associate professor of microbiology and medicine at the University of Minnesota, and an infectious diseases physician. His research at the University focuses on the function of T lymphocytes, the type of cells that are infected by HIV. He is involved with the Infectious Diseases Institute at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. The program was developed by the Academic Alliance for AIDS Care and Prevention in Africa and is supported by the Infectious Diseases Society of America. The goal of the AIDS Training Program is to educate African physicians about HIV treatment.

Jim Luce brings 20 years of management experience in investment banking and the non-profit sector. As founder and president of Orphans International Worldwide (http://www.internationalorphans.org/), he works to build interfaith, interracial, Internet-connected orphanages in Sulawesi, Bali and Sumatra (Indonesia), Haiti, and Guyana, as well as new projects in Togo, the Philippines, and Guangdong (China). In pursuit of a better world he left corporate America, twice, testified before Congress, and helped raise more than $1.2 million in cash, services, and gifts-in-kind for various groups in need. He holds a degree in East Asian Studies from the College of Wooster, and has studied at Waseda University, Tokyo; Centro de Estudiar Colombino-Americano, Columbia; and through AFS at Max-Plank Gymnasium, Germany. He has received awards for his work with orphans, HIV/AIDS prevention, and the homeless.

Anil Mangla, Ph.D., MPH, FRIPH, a native of South Africa, has seen firsthand the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS. He received his bachelor's degree at the University of Kwazulu, an M.S. in Chemistry at the University of Texas, and a Ph.D. specializing in infectious disease from Texas Tech University. He completed a post doctoral HIV research fellowship at the University of Minnesota. In 2003 he was a recipient of the Bush Leadership Fellowship to complete an M.P.H. in epidemiology. He is the co-president of the United

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