



Virtua Foundation hosts special event, "Hugs for TUG -- Love & Live with Faith" Valentines Gala and benefit concert for Orphans and Hurricane Victims

International event with live music by Christian recording artist Shawn McDonald, and many other special and multi-cultural performances

Salt Lake City, UT -- Jan 03, 2014 / (<http://www.myprgenie.com>) -- **West Valley City, Utah 84119**, Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 6 pm: In an effort to provide homes, education, and security to orphans in Tanzania and Uganda, Africa and aid to hurricane victims in the Philippines, many are coming together for a black tie night of dinner and festivities. Attendees will enjoy appearances with Miss Utah-USA, Miss United Nations, Miss Asia-Utah, Miss Africa-Utah, Miss Imagen, and Miss UN contestants in a fashion show with traditional costumes from all over the world! Keynote speaker NFL 2x Pro-Bowler, Luther Elliss will co-host with ABC Channel 4 news anchor Kim Johnson.

The primary drive of the Virtua Foundation in 2014 is to empower women and children, both locally and abroad, by encouraging gender equality & international health, and take a united stand against child malnutrition and human trafficking. The Foundation is also raising funds to provide clean water for two sub-villages of nearly 3,000, complete the building of a much needed energy efficient orphanage, school, and community center, & assist with over 200 children's education, health, & development in East Africa. Additionally, the Foundation is providing development assistance, computers, and food to families directly impacted by the tragedy in the Philippines.

Currently, at Tuleeni Orphanage in Tanzania, Mama Faraji provides for over 78 orphans and street children. The Amani Baby Cottage in Jinja, Uganda, houses 35+ children up to the age of 5 and has a need to finish their current babies' home and continue to assist in the development of their infants. The foundation has also identified 100 children in the rural villages to help support educationally as well.

The Foundation's team is collaborating best industry practices with renewable energy sources and sustainable farming. In addition, an Executive MBA team from Thunderbird School of Global Management will help develop a social enterprise beyond subsistence farming that can help perpetuate the orphanage to be fully self-sustaining. "We desire a life-long relationship with our beneficiaries, but ideally do not want to fund them beyond our initial project period. It is our desire to take this model into other markets to help more children and those in need."

The event will be held at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 1355 West 3100 South, West Valley City, Utah from 6-11 PM and will include a three course dinner and silent auction. A cash bar will be available, and child care will be provided. Ticket price is \$40 Pre-Sale (before Jan 31), \$50 at the door, and \$20 for service, police & firemen (dress uniforms encouraged). Tickets can be purchased at www.hugsfortug.org. If you'd like more information about this event, or to schedule an interview with Duy Beck, Virtua Fondation Chairman, please call Meredith Davis at (703) 474-3998 or e-mail Meredith at meredithrosedavis@gmail.com.

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