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**CHILDREN MENDING HEARTS  
HOSTS LAS VEGAS CHARITY WORKSHOP TO BENEFIT THE VAST POPULATION  
OF HOMELESS AND UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH IN THE CITY'S METRO AREA**

*"Please Mr. President... Will You Listen?"*

**(Las Vegas, NV – September 25, 2010)** — **Children Mending Hearts (CMH)**, a national 501c3 organization based in Los Angeles, will join forces with Street Teens, Hope for Homeless Teens, Nevada Homeless Alliance, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, HELP of Southern Nevada, Shade Tree, Southern Nevada Children First, St Jude's Ranch for Children, the Department of Family Services, the Clark County School District and their community partnership arm, to host its third installment of the traveling workshop, ***Please Mr. President***, in Las Vegas, NV on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. This activity filled day, will be host to more than 1000 at-risk and living in conflict children and teens, who will enjoy an afternoon of arts, crafts, performances, food and fun, alongside some of their favorite young stars including **Tate Donovan** (*The OC*), **Corbin Bleu** (*High School Musical*), **Josie Loren** (*Make It or Break It*) **Kyle Massey**, (*Corey in the House* and *That's So Raven*), and **Chris Massey**, (*Zoey 101*) **Gregg Sulkin** (*Wizards of Waverly Place*); as well as **Landon Donovan** (*Los Angeles Galaxy* and *USA World Cup Team Captain*), **Ryan Newman** (*Zeke & Luther*) and **Francia Raisa** (*Secret Life of the American Teenager*) who are tentatively scheduled to appear.

CMH is an arts exchange program founded in 2008 by Lysa Heslov, designed to give homeless kids and those less fortunate a VOICE. Today CMH has expanded its reach across the country, as well as the world, and garnered a vast following of influentials and past participants; including, **Sheryl Crow**, **Anderson Cooper**, **Marisa Tomei**, **Joel Madden**, **Nicole Richie**, **Sharon Stone**, and board member **Ben Affleck**, just to name a few. At the Las Vegas workshop, kids and participating talent will create memorable experiences and one of a kind works of art at a variety of stations, including a **T-shirt Station** to create fun and uplifting gifts for kids in Haiti, a **Writing Station** for letters to the president, a **Toddler Art and Craft Station**, a **Jewelry Station** for the mothers of the children involved, a **Scrapbooking Station** for the children in Haiti, a **Painting Station** and a **Cupcake Station**.

*"We are so excited to embark upon our third workshop in a city where it is so needed. The tireless efforts of each organization involved will be paramount in helping us raise awareness in Las Vegas and globally for the plight of so many children in need. It is beautiful to watch these kids light up when they are put in a space where they can be free to explore their talents and help other even more unfortunate kids in their community and around the world. It gives them a sense of purpose and hope."* CMH founder Lysa Heslov

*"It is deeply rewarding to be a part of an organization that makes a profound difference in lives of children, through the power of arts and cultural programs,"* Ben Affleck, CMH Board Member.

The goal of CMH is to determine the needs of each participating organization and then bring in a volunteer pool to ensure that after the workshop, those volunteers are able to execute the Take Action points that CMH has designed. Las Vegas will be the largest workshop to date, with the organizations listed above serving as an integral part of the event, being on hand to provide information and necessary items needed by the children and their families.

In 2010, CMH will travel to **Las Vegas, Chicago, Detroit and Flint, MI, San Francisco, Washington, DC and Baltimore, New Orleans, Austin** and internationally to the **Democratic Republic of Congo and Haiti**, conducting letter writing and painting workshops with homeless, at-risk, and refugee children

For further information about Children Mending Hearts, please visit [www.childrenmendinghearts.org](http://www.childrenmendinghearts.org).

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