Reynolds Fellow Offers Aid Trip

New York, September 7, 2010 – 2009 NYU Catherine B Reynolds Fellow, Courtney Montague, Executive Director of The Global Volunteer Network Foundation (GVNF), has announced that an expense paid aid trip will be offered as part of GVNF’s international fundraising campaign - Eat So They Can.

Eat So They Can is a global dinner party with a cause taking place on October 16-17, 2010. People around the world will host a party, invite their friends, discuss issues surrounding poverty, and ask their friends to donate to one of GVNF’s causes: orphaned and vulnerable children, women’s empowerment, emergency relief, or anti-trafficking.

Ms Montague says that one lucky host who joins the campaign will win the opportunity to travel with her to distribute Eat So They Can funds to projects in Haiti, Vietnam, Peru or Kenya.

“I believe that people should see for themselves what we are doing around the world, any campaign host that raises $500 or more will be entered into the drawing to accompany me on a distribution trip”.

According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) 2009 statistics, 1.02 billion people do not have enough to eat - more than the populations of USA, Canada and the European Union.

Ms Montague says her goal is to raise half a million dollars this year for women and children in need, and she is encouraging the community to assist by getting involved

“Please take a seat at our global dinner table by visiting the Eat So They Can website and signing up today (www.eatsotheycan.org). If you ‘eat so they can’ you will not only be giving women and children the chance for a healthier and happier future you will be giving yourself a chance to come along and participate in a once in a lifetime distribution trip,” said Ms Montague

The Eat So They Can fundraiser is in celebration of the United Nations World Poverty Day (October 17). In 2009 GVN Foundation was recently granted Special Consultative status by the United Nations.
GLOBAL HUNGER FACTS

- 1.02 billion people do not have enough to eat - more than the populations of USA, Canada and the European Union;
  (Source: FAO news release, 19 June 2009)
- The number of undernourished people in the world increased by 75 million in 2007 and 40 million in 2008, largely due to higher food prices;
  (Source: FAO news release, 9 Dec 2008)
- 25,000 people (adults and children) die every day from hunger and related causes;
  (Source: The State of Food Insecurity in the World, FAO)

The Eat So They Can campaign is a joint initiative by the Global Volunteer Network (GVN) and the Global Volunteer Network Foundation (GVN-Foundation). GVN connects volunteers with communities in need. The GVN-Foundation is the non-profit arm of GVN and provides financial assistance to communities in need.

For additional information about the Catherine B Reynolds Fellowship in Social Entrepreneurship. please visit: [http://www.nyu.edu/reynolds/index.flash.html](http://www.nyu.edu/reynolds/index.flash.html)

For further information about Eat So They Can please visit: [www.eatsotheycan.org](http://www.eatsotheycan.org)
For further information about GVN, please follow this link: [www.volunteer.org.nz](http://www.volunteer.org.nz)

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