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Able and Willing Announces Annual Fundraising Event

One-of-a-kind nonprofit endeavors to raise awareness and funds for Congolese education

Lakewood NJ (March 31, 2009) Hope Presbyterian Church and the Kiwanis Club of Jackson are proudly cosponsoring Puma's Kitchen, a dining event presented by the Able and Willing International Education Foundation (AWIEF), to benefit education in Africa.

The event is open to the public and will take place Saturday, May 23rd, 2009 at the Hope Presbyterian Church in Lakewood, NJ. The dinner, orchestrated by, and featuring the authentic Congolese cuisine of Mbuyu "Puma" Wa Mbuyu, founder of AWIEF, will include a variety of Congolese dishes prepared by members of the Hope Presbyterian congregation.

Beginning at 4pm, in Fellowship Hall, 617 Hope Chapel Road, Lakewood, the schedule of events includes: "Meal Preparation in the Congo," an acclaimed brief informational presentation by Puma, followed by dinner, and concludes with "Promoting Education in the Congo," an opportunity to learn about Able & Willing and personally meet Puma and his staff.

"We're deeply pleased to be bringing this event to your area" said Puma. "For years, we've received very positive feedback about it from attendees of our home state of Maryland. I offer my heartfelt gratitude to Pastor Barbara K. Hicks and Al Manus of Hope Presbyterian Church, and to Fran Polito, President of the Kiwanis Club of Jackson, for their efforts and sponsorship of this event through which many deserving children will receive the educational assistance they deserve."

"This event, which promises to be a fun, relaxing and memorable one, will be of great benefit to a great many children," said Al Manus of Hope Presbyterian Church. "AWIEF has undertaken a one-of-a-kind mission, singular in purpose. As such, it is a beacon of light for the children in these regions. The great strength of this program is that it is based on helping people help themselves. As such, this program has the potential of being for being a paradigm for educational development in other less-developed countries of the world."

Net proceeds from this event will go to AWIEF to continue their success in building schools in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as well as in other remote areas around the world, in which access to basic education is absent, of limited availability, or is substandard.

For more information, or to purchase tickets for yourself, your family or your organization, please contact Al Manus at 732-267-7266 (amanus987@yahoo.com), or Fran Polito at 732-904-8341 (pearldad@optonline.net)

About Able and Willing

The Able & Willing International Education Foundation is dedicated to building self-supporting, self-governing schools in areas of need throughout the world. Founded in 2000 and headquartered in Frederick, Maryland, Able and Willing is a non-denominational, non-profit, 501(c)(3) and is a one-of-a-kind, grassroots organization.

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