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Medhen Orphan Relief Effort to Host Free Zoom Concert and Art Auction

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Randolph, NJ – Medhen Orphan Relief Effort (M.O.R.E.) is a Randolph-based 501c(3) non-profit organization that supports programs for orphaned and vulnerable children of the Medhen Social Center, located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

On Tuesday, December 1st at 7pm EST (Giving Tuesday), M.O.R.E. will host a free virtual concert featuring Joshua Coyne and Alessandra Altieri. Coyne has performed solo on the Millennium Stage of the Kennedy Center and before Barack Obama, has appeared in concert with Motown greats Nick Ashford and Valerie Simpson, Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, Jr., and has been invited to perform before members of the U.S. Supreme Court. Altieri has a Master of Music degree in Vocal Performance and her operatic performances include singing with the Bronx Opera Company, the dell'Arte Opera Ensemble, and City Lyric Opera. Coyne and Altieri are currently the Director and Assistant Director of Music Ministry at Resurrection Parish in Randolph.

The Zoom event will also serve as the culmination of an art auction that will open virtually on Black Friday (November 27th). M.O.R.E. will be auctioning off the work of three local artists: Patrick Antonelle of New York (dubbed the “foremost impressionist painter of our century” by Manhattan Arts Magazine), Dean Gilliland (Northern NJ painter whose images represent interpretations of his surrounding world), and Mike Dziomba (Northern NJ painter whose images focus on quiet and simpler times). All proceeds from the auction will benefit M.O.R.E.

The Medhen Social Center was founded by Sister Senkenesh Gebre-Mariam in 1989 to provide needed services and resources to the most impoverished and leprosy-affected population in Addis Ababa. Through the leadership, insight and compassion of Sister Senkenesh, Medhen expanded its services to helping orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC), who lost one or both parents due to HIV/AIDS. The OVC program provides resources to the surviving parent or places the children with extended family or in foster care within the community. The Medhen Social Center, with M.O.R.E. being a principal donor, helps provide

a monthly stipend to caregivers to cover room and board, educational and health care expenses. Medhen also provides parenting skill training, psychosocial support and other needed services to stabilize the placement and strengthen the families.

During this global pandemic, now more than ever, Medhen needs our support. M.O.R.E remains committed to support this program and to be a beacon of hope for orphaned and vulnerable children.

Former and current board members who are Randolph residents or have ties to Randolph include Jen and Jack Baxter, Chris Dziubla, Bob and Nancy Holland, Adele Leeds, Maria and David Martorana, Jim Miller (M.O.R.E. founder), Father Dan Murphy, Tom and Diane Padula, Kimberly Poulo, Charlie and Maureen Strenk, and Barbara and Tony Zecca. Other current board members include Leah Abraham, Yodit Amaha, Dr. Asqual Getaneh, Dr. Ashley Meredith, Dr. Sam Parsia, Dr. Leelie Selassie, and Linda Tobash.

Visit morechildren.org to find out more and to register for this exciting, free event. Like M.O.R.E. on Facebook: M.O.R.E. – Medhen Orphan Relief Effort. Follow M.O.R.E. on Instagram: @morechildren.

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