**Art for the Heart of Africa 2017**

**Friday, November 3, 2017 🞟 6:30 – 9 pm 🞟 The Vineyard Church, Mishawaka, IN**

**Art for the Heart of Africa** is an evening devoted to honoring God’s gift of artistry with music, art, food and auction. This semi-formal event will feature artwork from local and regional artists, as well as art from the children of the Dreamland children’s orphanage. The benefit will help feed, educate and love these children, who after being orphaned by war, poverty and famine have been forced to flee their home and take shelter in a refugee camp in northern Uganda as the violent civil war in South Sudan threatened their lives. ***Every dollar raised at Art for the Heart of Africa will go directly to support the Dreamland orphanage.***

The Vineyard Church in Mishawaka is hosting this 9th annual art benefit to continue their support of New Generation Dreamland Children’s Home. In the past eight years, Art for the Heart of Africa has raised approximately $250,000. While the children lived in South Sudan, these funds were used to provide running water and solar electricity; buy a dumptruck; to build and supply a children’s medical clinic for children; building a kitchen, dining hall, dormitories, and a school, as well as start two farms. Now, in 2017, as the children make a new life in a refugee camp in Uganda, many of these basic necessities are required yet again. The funds raised at Art for the Heart of Africa will be used to provide basic necessities like housing, buildings, bathrooms, water and food; as well as provide funds for the children’s schooling in Uganda.

Thank you for your willingness to donate your art to the **Art for the Heart of Africa** benefit. Your participation is changing the lives of the 130 orphaned children. And as art can stir the hearts of people, our hope is that the benefit will not only change the lives of these children, but will grip our hearts and change us as well.

Artists, please note the following:

* **The deadline to receive art donations is Friday, October 13, 2017.**
* All donations will be reviewed by the Art for the Heart of Africa art jury, and all artists will be notified no later than Wednesday, October 20, 2017, regarding their submission.
* Each artist is limited to three art pieces (photo contributions are limited to two).
* The art donation form must be completed and included with each art submission.
* Art not sold will be returned to the artist following the auction.
* Art should be framed, if appropriate to the medium.
* The Vineyard Church is a non-profit, religious organization with 501(c)3 status. Donated items (the cost of materials only) are tax deductible. *As a donor, you can request a written verification of you donation for your tax files following the event.*

Thank you for your generous contribution. You will receive an invitation to a **reception** for artists and gold circle sponsors prior to the benefit on Friday, November 3. You’ll get a first-look at the artwork and we will have a chance to personally thank you for your contribution.

*Art for the Heart contacts:*

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The Vineyard Church, 16219 Jackson Road, Mishawaka, IN 46544, 574.257.1924

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**Art Donation Form**

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Art pieces can be dropped off at the Vineyard Church, 16219 Jackson Road, Mishawaka, IN 46544,

between the hours of 8:30 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday; or during Vineyard services: 5 - 7 pm Saturday;

8:30 am – 1 pm Sunday. Or, we are happy to make arrangements to pick up the art at your convenience.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!

Vineyard Church use only:

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