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### **Local students host benefit dinner to help Ethiopian orphans**

On April 29, 2007, a benefit dinner and program for Project Comfort will be held in the Valencia Room at the Orange Show Fairgrounds in San Bernardino from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Project Comfort is a program founded and run by students of Loma Linda University to help the children of Gimbie, Ethiopia, gain access to an education by overcoming simple barriers such as clothing, food, and school supplies.

Tickets for this event will be \$150 each for adults and \$40 each for students and those with a tight income. For a table of 10 seats, tickets are \$100 each. The program includes dinner, silent auction, and pictures and stories about children from Ethiopia. Entertainment will be provided by local performing artist, Helena. Banquet guests will be given the opportunity to help make a difference.

A highlight of the evening will be the auctioning of a special item.

“I feel a personal calling to help children,” says Sarah McCash, a nursing student and project coordinator. “I am so committed to this endeavor that in order to ensure initial funding, I will auction my diamond engagement ring, with all proceeds going to Project Comfort.”

Like so many other countries, Ethiopia, has been ravaged by HIV/AIDS. Not only does this affect the lives of those who have contracted the virus, but devastates the lives of the children of those victims. It's no secret, AIDS kills, and as a result, many parents have had to say an early farewell to their children who are left to become orphans. It is these children that Project Comfort seeks to assist with providing a meal a day, school supplies, and clothing.

Questions about the project or the project fundraiser can be directed to Ms. McCash at (909) 478-0532.

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