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SHERYL CROW JOINS WHOLE CHILD INTERNATIONAL AND HIS HOLINESS THE 14th DALAI LAMA

Crow and the Dalai Lama to raise awareness of Whole Child International and the emotional needs of vulnerable children worldwide Feb, 21, 2010 at Gibson Amphitheatre

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1, 2010 – His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, will give his first large-scale public address in Los Angeles since September 2006 on Feb. 21 at the Gibson Amphitheatre. Grammy-winning singer Sheryl Crow will open the public address given by His Holiness, “Cultivating Compassion and the Needs of Vulnerable Children.”

Whole Child and His Holiness come together the weekend of February 20 as Whole Child launches a global initiative to raise awareness of the emotional needs of vulnerable children.

“I am delighted to be a part of this special weekend with Whole Child International and His Holiness the Dalai Lama,” said Crow. “There are millions of children globally who don’t get the care they need. As a mother, it’s an honor to be involved.”

Tickets are on sale now through Live Nation at www.livenation.com and at all Ticketmaster locations and online at www.ticketmaster.com for the 1:30 PM event on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010 at the Gibson Amphitheatre.

“We are thrilled to have Sheryl alongside us as a strong voice,” said Karen Gordon, Founder and CEO of Whole Child. “We look forward to her support as we elevate the care of vulnerable children globally.”

The Dalai Lama will be in Los Angeles for two days with Whole Child to speak with distinguished gatherings of philanthropists, top academics, government officials, and the public to highlight the needs of vulnerable children worldwide.

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The announcement of His Holiness’s visit and details of the weekend are at www.wholechild.org

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is both the temporal and the spiritual leader of the Tibetan people. He frequently states that his life is guided by three major commitments: the promotion of basic human values or secular ethics in the interest of human happiness, the fostering of inter-religious harmony, and the welfare of the Tibetan people, focusing on the survival of their identity, culture, and religion.

Whole Child International

Whole Child International is a global NGO working to elevate the level of childcare for vulnerable children worldwide. It believes that all children, as a matter of human rights, should have the opportunity to fulfill his or her developmental potential. Whole Child International strives to build culturally sensitive solutions that incorporate best practices into the care of institutionalized children. Over the past three years, Whole Child has staged interventions in eight childcare institutions with the support of government organizations in El Salvador and Nicaragua. Learn more at www.wholechild.org.