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**WORLD AIDS/HIV ORPHANS DAY UNITES YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND  
THE WORLD FOR A COMMON CAUSE**

***International Videoconference sponsored by AFXB, GlobalTribe Network and KAOS  
Network connect youth from Los Angeles, London and South Africa***

LOS ANGELES, CA. – May 1, 2005 – GlobalTribe, in association with AFXB, will link young people in three countries through its first international videoconference on **World AIDS/HIV Orphans Day, Saturday May 7, 2005**. The videoconference will mark the beginning of a yearlong campaign designed to mobilize young people to work together across borders to combat AIDS/HIV using the Internet and new technologies as their platform.

Prior to the videoconference, each location will screen the film *BEAT THE DRUM* (Director: David Hickson, S.A.), winner of more than 15 awards from international film festivals, and the documentary by GlobalVision, *NKOSI: A VOICE OF AFRICA'S AIDS ORPHANS* (Director: Danny Schechter), slated for broadcast simultaneously by MNET in South Africa and 41 other countries in Africa on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Participating youth will learn about children living with AIDS/HIV through the two films and curriculum developed by GlobalTribe. This marks the first collaboration between GlobalTribe and AFXB, a Swiss-based organization that works with AIDS/HIV in 17 countries, including South Africa; currently home to the largest population living with AIDS/HIV.

With just 10% of the world's population, Sub-Saharan Africa is home to more than 60% of people living with AIDS/HIV-some 25.4 million. The most visible consequence has been the rising number of AIDS/HIV orphans. In 2003, there were 43 million orphans in the region according to the United Nations. **By 2010, an estimated 50 million children will be orphaned in Sub-Saharan Africa, one every 14 seconds.**

The videoconference will be held at KAOS Network (4343 Leimert Blvd), a media-arts facility in Los Angeles, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and will include a pre-conference overview, live videoconference and debriefing.

Youth at each of the four sites (Los Angeles, London, Johannesburg and Cape Town) will exchange presentations including poetry slams, art, drumming, music and stories by youth living with AID/HIV or as orphans. Elsewhere, students from Clear Creek Amana High School in Texas, PEP-LA Peer Education Program and Transformarte, a group of peer-to-peer educators from the slums of Rio de Janeiro, will participate in the event via chat room and watch the live broadcast through [www.GlobalTribeNet.org](http://www.GlobalTribeNet.org) courtesy of Evolution Revolution in Los Angeles.

All of the materials generated, including broadcasts will be uploaded to AFXB ([www.afxb.org](http://www.afxb.org)) and GlobalTribe Network ([www.GlobalTribeNET.org](http://www.GlobalTribeNET.org)) where youth will continue to take action across borders. Documentary coverage of the event will be edited into a video and made available at those sites.