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Monterey Institute To Host Children Of War Symposium

Guest speakers include doctor from Darfur refugee camp, former refugee camp resident

Monterey, CA (March 2, 2009) – The Monterey Institute will host a public symposium exploring the effects of war on children this Friday at 7:00 pm as the American Red Cross presents its Children of War Symposium in the Institute's Irvine Auditorium.

The Children of War Symposium is a public service offered by the American Red Cross which examines the psychological and physical effects of war on children through the eyes of five renowned international speakers. These speakers will share their firsthand experiences of living and working in war zones around the world.

Scheduled speakers include:

Michael Khambatta, International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), Deputy Head of Delegation, US & Canada.

For more information, visit <http://www.icrc.org>

Dr. Ashis Brahma, Sole doctor for Darfur refugee camp in Chad for two years

For more information, visit

http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/archives/2007/2007-Sep-27/Article.news_3/1/@@index

Dorothy Sewe, Tracing specialist and former refugee camp resident

For more information, visit http://www.gvsu.edu/cms3/assets/A29DA48F-E6CD-4F35-837316459C8C6362/2008fall/GVMF08_Sewe.pdf

Dr. Marc Sommers, Associate Research Professor of Humanitarian Studies, Institute of Human Security, The Fletcher School, Tufts University; and Research Fellow, African Studies Center, Boston University.

For more information, visit <http://fletcher.tufts.edu/faculty/sommers/default.shtml>

Meghan Frank, Senior at Granby High School, Norfolk, VA, daughter of a US Navy Captain, and creator of Operation Pen & Pencil, collecting school supplies for Afghan teachers to use in their classrooms in Kabul.

Over the course of two days, the Children of War Symposium will travel to several locations in the area, including the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Santa Cruz area high schools, the University of California at Santa Cruz, Stanford University, and Santa Clara University.

What: Monterey Institute Hosts American Red Cross Children of War Symposium

When: Friday, March 6, 2009, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Irvine Auditorium
McCone Building
499 Pierce St.
Monterey, CA 93940

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