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ABA supports World Orphans Day with The Stars Foundation

Joe Newman, Commissioner for the ABA, announced today that they are proud to be a sponsor of the upcoming *World Orphans Day™*, which is the Second Monday in November each year.

The Stars Foundation™, a Nashville, TN based nonprofit, initiated *World Orphans Day* as a day devoted to empowering the orphans and displaced children of the world, while uniting world leaders as *One Voice* to call for global solutions to aid the most marginalized children in the world.

The Proclamation Ceremony will be held at the beautiful *Arrington at the Vineyards*, which is owned by *Kix Brooks* and his partners *Kip Summers* and *John Russell*. It is a private event with filming taking place for the *For God and Country TV Series* for NRB TV. A short performance by *Midnight Noon* will be part of the commemoration. *NASH NIGHTS LIVE* Shawn Parr will be the Emcee for the day's Proclamation Ceremony on Monday, *World Orphans Day*, and interviewing the attending celebrities. Since it is Veterans Day also, *Children of our Fallen Heroes* will be commemorated as well.

The *World Orphans Day Summit* will be held at the prestigious *Omni Hotel Nashville* on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. "Foster Boy" producers along with *Shaquille O'Neil* who is the Executive Producer will be back in Nashville for the Summit and the Proclamation Ceremony.

Commissioner *Joe Newman* and *Michael Watson*, ABA President, will be speaking on behalf of the ABA in support of orphans and children of our fallen heroes both days. "We are delighted to be a part of this internationally observed day, and look forward to engaging 150 cities in the USA, to raise both awareness and funds to empower the orphans and their infrastructures for food, clothing, clean water and shelter. We wish to build a long lasting relationship to bring all our teams together in unity with a passion for the cause and make a huge impact in lives of these orphans. We look forward to launching with *The Stars Foundation* the *Flame of Peace Movement*, with candlelight vigils and a love offering from each team each year", stated Mr. Newman.

Dolly Parton has recorded the Theme song for *World Orphans Day*, which will be released in 2020 with a Music Video. She was in the studio recently to record the song and is delighted to be a part of the campaign to bring the *World Orphans Day* cause to the global stage so that millions of children will be impacted.

“The ABA will be a vital force to promote *World Orphans Day* in the 150 cities that they have teams, and raise funds for orphans through their venues and promotions. We could not be happier to have the support of such an expansive organization that truly cares about the orphans and disenfranchised children of the world”, stated Cheryl Robeson Piggott, founder of *World Orphans Day*.

Other dignitaries planning to attend the Proclamation and *World Orphans Day Summit* include; *Deputy Prime Minister, Themba Masuku*, as *Honorary Patron for World Orphans Day*, representing Africa and *eSwatini* (Swaziland). *Deputy Prime Minister Masuku* is the *Director of Children Services and Welfare* in the country of *eSwatinia*. *Dr. Hetherwick Ntaba*, Chief Presidential Advisor on *Domestic Policy* to the President of *Malawi*, will be speaking at the Summit and at the *Proclamation Ceremony* on behalf of *President Mutharika* and *First Lady Mutharika*, who are serving as *Global Patrons of World Orphans Day* along with *Lord David Alton*, lifetime member of the UK parliament.

The Stars Foundation is garnering power partners such as *NASH NIGHT LIVE*, *LAMAR BILLBOARDS*, *BEASLEY MEDIA GROUP* and *NRB TV* who have joined forces as major Media partners for the international event.

About THE STARS FOUNDATION

The Stars Foundation™, has facilitated the *World Orphans Day* since 2006, and works with the country music and sports industries to convey the powerful messages of the rights of orphans and is Co-Convening the *World Orphans Day Summit in Nashville for World Orphans Day™*.

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The ABA is the largest professional sports league in the US with over 150 teams. It is also the most diversified professional sports league in history with over 75% of its owners being African-American, Hispanic, Asian and women. For more information, visit www.abaliveaction.com or email conniejoenewman@aol.com,

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