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Matanya's Hope is pleased to announce the arrival of the Award winning Maasai Buffalo Dance and Cultural Change Group.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday May 3, 2008. The Maasai Buffalo Dance and Cultural Change Group will perform at Living Springs Community Church, 19051 South Halsted Street in Glenwood from 6-10 pm for the annual benefit dinner held by Matanya's Hope. ALL FUNDS COLLECTED WILL GO TO BENEFIT THE MATANYA'S HOPE FOUNDATION FOR THE CHILDREN IN KENYA, EAST AFRICA.

The group is known throughout Kenya as the "AMBASSADORS OF CHANGE".

- They receive well known political dignitaries with song and dance when they come to Kenya and/or when they meet with other important dignitaries in the country.
- They have performed song and dance numerous times for the President of Kenya
- They educate target groups regarding AIDS AWARENESS
- They oppose female mutilation and educate the Maasai on abandoning this tradition. They have been quite successful in their efforts. Female mutilation (circumcision) has been abandoned within many Maasai villages - all due to their efforts.
- The men in the dance troupe are all Maasai Warriors.
- The entire dance troupe will be fully dressed in tradition Maasai clothing and ornamentation.
- They travel to different countries educating others on the life of a Maasai along with other colorful stories from Kenya, East Africa.
- They support Matanya's Hope, a non for profit organization based in the USA and Kenya, and their effort to educate the needy children in Kenya. Many Maasai children have been sponsored by Americans through the efforts of Matanya's Hope.
- They raise awareness of issues such as the Kenya water problems, education and more. Because of this dance troupe's efforts, many children are now thriving in their educations, a school is being built and water issues are being recognized by outside parties. The hope is that one day a well will be built for the community, greatly reducing serious diseases such as typhoid and even needless death of human beings and livestock: All water related.

This would be a great opportunity for churches, schools and community centers to welcome these dignitaries as performing guests. They are highly educated, motivated, loving and colorful human beings - sure to be a thrill as well as an inspiration to all who witness their talent and charisma. They will be in the United States (mostly the Chicago area) for a few months - arriving in Mid March and then beginning their departures back home in early May.

Please find it in your heart to welcome these beautiful human beings on their journey to improve life for the desperate and hungry people of their homeland.

With them, they also carry many crafts from their homeland including wonderful beaded bracelets, necklaces and key chains - a sure attraction for the consumer minded. All proceeds from the sale of these items will go directly towards benefiting one of the many causes addressed by this troupe. They are lovely individuals and literally thrive by the interactions of other people worldwide. Your audiences will love the personal attention that they receive from the group of Ambassadors of Change performing with this well known Maasai Dance Troupe.

"I thought it was I who would be giving to them, but I was so wrong. They have opened my eyes, warmed my heart and blessed me a thousand fold!" says Michelle Stark, Founder of Matanya's Hope, the non-profit Organization responsible for bringing the troupe to America. We look forward to introducing the Maasai Buffalo Dance and Cultural Change Group to you.

Suggested Donation starting at \$ 10.00

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 5:30PM
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Donations can be mailed to PO Box 562, Homewood, IL 60430

Call (708) 822-4673 Matanya's Hope or (708) 692-4119 Lisa Kreidler for more information or to purchase tickets.

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