



*"Must we starve our children to pay our debts?"
Julius Nyerere - Former President of Tanzania*

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FIRST SCREENING IN SAN DIEGO OF CANNES FILM FESTIVAL AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARY

*"A sort of 'Inconvenient Truth' for global economics...a powerful description of how Western policies since colonialism have subjugated Third World Countries."
- Charles Master, The Hollywood Reporter*

SAN DIEGO, CA (September 14, 2010) - Jubilee San Diego / USA Network will present an internationally acclaimed feature length documentary, ***The End of Poverty? Think Again*** at a fundraiser on Sunday, October 17, 2010, 4 - 7:00 p.m. at the Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, Solana Beach, 1505 Loma Santa Fe Drive, CA 92075. The event will include a buffet supper and a panel discussion following the film. This will be the first showing of this film in San Diego. It has been shown in over 40 countries and been selected by 25 international film festivals. Co-hosts for the event are: **The Foundation for Women, The Grauer School, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, and the Rancho Santa Fe Democratic Club.**

Narrated by renowned actor, **Martin Sheen**, and directed by award-winning director and writer, **Philippe Diaz**, ***The End of Poverty*** is a daring thought provoking and very timely documentary revealing that poverty is not accident. It explores how the true causes of poverty stem from actions taken during and since colonial times to perpetuate exploitation by first, forcing people from their land

and their access to natural resources, then through unfair trade, debt repayment, and unjust taxes on labor and consumption. This system was carefully built and maintained by free market policies, resource monopolies and structural adjustment programs by the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other international financial institutions.

Philippe Diaz will be joined in the panel discussion by **Wahu Kaara**, from Kenya, who was nominated in 2005 for the **Nobel Peace Prize - 1000 Women of Peace**. She is a global leader for human rights and has campaigned around the world for debt cancellation of impoverished countries. Wahu now serves as the **Executive Director of the Kenya Relief Network (KENDREN)**, and has been a leader in the **Africa and Kenya Social Forum Councils** that organized the inaugural **World Social Forum** in Nairobi, Africa in January 2007. Ms. Kaara also launched the **Global Call to Action in Poverty (GCAP) in 2005** in Port Allegre, Brazil. In addition, she addressed the **General Assembly of the United Nations in 2000 to launch the Millennium Declaration**, a set of eight quantifiable targets established by 189 world leaders designed to cut global poverty in half by 2015. Last year she was honored with the **Humanitarian Award of the Year** by Project Concern International.

The moderator for the panel will be **Eric LeCompte, Executive Director of Jubilee USA Network, Washington, D. C.** Mr. LeCompte has worked with numerous human rights organizations to impact international policies. He is a coveted national speaker on human rights and social justice issues. A graduate of St. Benedict and St. John's University, he was awarded a Pax Christi Ambassador of Peace and he is the former National Chair of Pax Christi USA.

Jubilee USA Network is a grassroots alliance of 80 religious denominations and faith based communities, human rights, environmental, labor and community groups working for the definitive cancellation of crushing debts to fight poverty and injustice in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

The Jubilee Movement began in the late 1990's with a broad based network of people who came together under the banner of Jubilee 2000, challenging policy makers to address the international debt crisis. Working in partnership with foreign governments and by effective lobbying of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, and the United States Congress, **Jubilee USA Network has been responsible for debt cancellation in 29 countries**. Currently, Jubilee has called for immediate Debt Service Relief in response to the flooding in Pakistan.

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Effects of Global Poverty

- A person dies every three seconds simply because he or she is too poor to live.
- More than **30,000 children die** each day because of AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.
- Education, basic health services, and clean water - remains unknown to millions of people.

The Tragedy - A Few Fast Facts

- Every year Africa spends **\$14.5 billion** repaying debts to the world's wealthy countries and international financial institutions.
- In Ethiopia, a country with one of the highest child and maternal mortality rates in the world, the **\$197 million** spent on servicing debt in 2001 could have fully financed a basic package of health care for mothers and children.
- The money spent on debt repayments world wide could provide clean water to **1.3 billion people**.

For Reservations: \$75 per person (tickets will be distributed at the door)

Please make checks payable to Jubilee San Diego / USA Network and mail to:

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References: www.jubileeusa.org
www.theendofpoverty.com

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