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High school student attempts to climb Kilimanjaro alone for charity

PRNewswire/ -- High School Sophomore Tommy Feng is to attempt to climb Mt Kilimanjaro in Africa alone to raise money for international development charity, Charity: Water, on Tuesday 6th August.

Kilimanjaro is known as one of the seven highest mountains in the world and the world's tallest free-standing mountain at 5,895m/19,300ft. Tommy will be trekking up using the Machame route, covering a distance of over 60 km in just 6 days.

Tommy from Detroit hopes to raise over $5,000 for the charity, which enables some of the world's poorest people gain access to clean, safe water and sanitation. Tommy has been training for the challenge for the last 6 months.

"I am excited to be undertaking the huge challenge of Summiting Kilimanjaro and have been training very hard. I'll be battling the strong winds, cold temperature and mountain sickness in order to reach the top," Tommy said. "While I tackle this huge challenge, millions of people right at the foot of Kilimanjaro still do not have access to clean, safe water. I'm proud that my fund-raising efforts will raise vital money for Charity: Water and their vision of a world where everyone has access to safe water."

To support Tommy Feng in his challenge to summit Kilimanjaro and donate to Charity: Water please visit https://www.gofundme.com/f/climbing-kilimanjaro-for-clean-water. This trip is personally funded and all donations are to directly go to Charity: Water.

For further information, interviews and images please contact Tommy 217281@email4pr.com. To find out more about Charity: Water please visit https://my.charitywater.org or contact 1 (646) 688-2323.

Charity: Water

663 million people live without clean water. That's nearly 1 in 10 people worldwide, or, twice the population of the United States without access to life's most basic human need. The majority live in isolated rural areas and spend hours every day walking to collect water for their family. Not only does walking for water keep kids out of school and take up time that parents could be using to earn money, but the water often carries diseases that make them sick.

When a community gets access to clean water, it can change just about everything.

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Full & Fabulous boosts self-esteem in local girls, Helps them to blossom at 'A Rose is Still A Rose Debutante Ball' Aug. 3

Life's ugly and brutal thorns can prick and cause pain, but it doesn't change the fact that "a rose is still a rose."

Full & Fabulous has been helping young girls and women to endure anguish and to blossom into beautiful rose-like bouquets for 37 years.

The non-profit organization will host its annual "A Rose is Still A Rose Debutante Ball" on Aug. 3 at the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, 111 E. Kerby, from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

This year's event will feature a special musical and dance tribute to the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin.

"Our organization is designed to edify the self-esteem, health and beauty of girls ages 12 to 21. If a young girl believes in herself, then nothing can stop her from achieving her dreams," Sharon DuMas, founder, said. "By promoting weight management through behavior modification, and a healthy lifestyle change, we help our ladies to understand that the concept of being Full & Fabulous is a state of mind, not a dress size."

About a dozen young girls wearing ball gowns and tiaras will be escorted by father figures into the ballroom, which will feature entertainment, dancing and educational presentations.

Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children under 10 years old and includes dinner, entertainment and dancing. Social media sponsors are needed to promote the event that will offer local businesses an opportunity to display a commercial during the event's live stream for only $99.

Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase a van that will be used to transport girls participating in Full & Fabulous' Girls Exposed program to weekly meetings.

The program exposes girls to the facts about human trafficking, marijuana usage, opioids, and sexually transmitted diseases.

"Many of our girls are afraid to catch the bus to our Saturday meetings," DuMas said. "A van will help us to transport them safely to learn life saving information that is not being taught at school."

To help remove thorns pricking the flesh of young girls and grow into budding roses, call (313)331-4929 or visit www.fullandfabulous.org.

North American Car, Utility and Truck of the Year to announce 2020 awards at Cobo Center

PRNewswire/ -- After exploring a number of options, the North American Car, Utility and Truck of the Year Awards (NACTOY) said that it will continue to announce its winners at its traditional home in Detroit at Cobo Center as it also extends its partnership with the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA).

The winners of the North American Car of the Year, North American Utility of the Year and North American Truck of the Year will be announced at 8 a.m. on Jan. 13, 2020 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

"When DADA announced plans to move the date of NAIAS from January to June, we knew we had to explore all available options for a new date and venue to announce our awards," said NACTOY President Lauren Fix. "After an extensive review, we decided that the best option to accommodate the timing of our judging process that also maximizes exposure for automakers and consumers would be to keep the awards in their historical home and to strengthen our relationship with NAIAS."

As part of that partnership, NACTOY will announce its list of eligible vehicles for the 2021 awards during the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) next June.

NACTOY will announce additional details about the award ceremony at a later date.

Founded in 1994, the NACTOY awards are judged by approximately 50 professional automotive journalists from the United States and Canada who work for independent magazines, television, radio, newspapers and industry websites.

The awards have traditionally been announced at the North American International Auto Show, but the prizes are independent of the show itself. NACTOY is a wholly separate, non-profit organization, with dues-paying journalist members led by elected officers.

International Congress of Youth Voices brings together authors and activists in Puerto Rico

PRNewswire/ -- On August 8, 130 accomplished young writers from around the world will meet with activists, political leaders, and other changemakers to learn and collaborate as they seek to make a positive impact in their communities. The summit, co-founded by author and activist Dave Eggers and nonprofit leader Amanda Uhle, is in its second year and will take place in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In addition to best-selling Haitian-American novelist Edwidge Danticat, winner of the National Book Award, the gathering will feature several other speakers. They include authors David Wallace-Wells, Chinaka Hodge, Alia Malek, and Nyuol Lueth Tong, along with Palestinian peace activist Huda Abu Arqoub, senior officials from Puerto Rico, and local activists such as Carla Rodriguez and Rosa Colon.

The delegates participating in the Congress hail from 26 countries around the globe, including Zambia, Iraq, Cuba, Uganda, Ireland, Burundi, Syria, Australia, Russia, Tanzania, Canada, Thailand, Pakistan, Denmark, India, Somalia, France, Nepal, Palestine, Ecuador, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Colombia, South Africa, and the United Kingdom.

Delegates from Austin, Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, District of Columbia, Los Angeles, Louisville, New Orleans, New York, Oakland, Pittsburgh, Puerto Rico, San Francisco, and Tulsa, among many others, represent the United States.

"Last year's Congress was one of the most inspiring weekends of my life. Teens are so optimistic and so free of obfuscation and indecision. They think clearly about issues and they get things done. And there's never been a time when young activists were more powerful and more willing to use that power," said Eggers.

"The young people coming together in San Juan are all remarkable," said Uhle. "Their accomplishments and leadership are a signal to us to all to listen and to act with their interests in mind. The International Congress of Youth Voices helps young people shape the future that they will inherit."