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## **PHOTOGRAPHER KAREN ANDE WINS WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL'S GLOBAL VISION COMPETITION**

Documentary photographer Karen Ande has won the top honor in the Global Vision competition of the World Affairs Council in San Francisco for her work with children in Africa affected by the AIDS pandemic. The council has invited Ande to present a solo photography exhibit that opens in July, the first in a new series on global change.

Ande's extraordinary color photography brings viewers into the world of children in Africa living in the shadow of HIV/AIDS. Her photos, featured in her new book, *Face to Face: Children of the AIDS Crisis in Africa*, show the eager faces of once-neglected orphaned children, as well as the caregivers who have rescued these children from a precarious existence and helped to transform their lives. The photos also include some youngsters who are grappling with HIV infection themselves in an environment of limited access to life-saving drugs, medical care, proper nutrition and other life essentials. The photos convey hope, joy and resilience in the face of these daunting challenges.

"Almost 15 million children have been orphaned by AIDS in Africa, and my dream has been to give these children a face, a name and a story so people like us will be moved to help them," Ande said.

Her new book is a collaboration with award-winning medical writer Ruthann Richter, the director of media relations at Stanford University School of Medicine. Ande and Richter traveled together to Africa, trekking through the slums of Nairobi and the pastoral villages of the East African bush to meet with children living under staggering conditions; many had watched their parents die and then had to cope with the consequences of living on their own or caring for younger siblings, sometimes without the benefit of outside support. The two women resolved to bring the issue to light.

Ande's work has been widely featured in newspapers, magazines, the Web, television and in solo exhibits. She also has raised more than \$70,000 for organizations dedicated to helping African children. All book proceeds will be devoted to this effort.

The World Affairs Council will host a reception for the exhibit July 8 at its San Francisco headquarters, 312 Sutter St. The exhibit will be open through August 27.

The nonprofit group is the largest international affairs organization in the West Coast, dedicated to engaging the public in international issues that transcend borders. It hosts events and conferences with the leaders who impact global affairs, including heads of state, government officials, international philanthropists, journalists, business leaders, and academics.

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