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SHS hosts screening of HIV/AIDS documentary

Oakland University's **School of Health Sciences** is sponsoring a screening of "Angels in the Dust," a documentary depicting the HIV/AIDS devastation in South Africa. **Wellness, Health Promotion and Injury Prevention** Program Director Stafford Rorke hopes the documentary exposes people to the seriousness of the AIDS pandemic. After the documentary, which will be shown May 21 at 1:30 p.m. in Rooms 128-130 of the Oakland Center, Rorke will accept donations for his personal quest to help orphans impacted by the epidemic.

"HIV/AIDS is decimating whole communities in South Africa. There is a phenomenal need for financial support for HIV/AIDS infected and HIV/AIDS affected orphans," Rorke said.

On June 15, Rorke will participate in The Comrades, a 56-mile ultra-marathon in South Africa. The Comrades began in 1921 as a remembrance of World War I soldiers. Rorke is dedicating his 16th running of The Comrades to the Starfish Greathearts Foundation, a charity raising funds for orphaned and vulnerable children throughout South Africa.

Rorke became involved in the Starfish Greathearts Foundation after a viewing of "Angels in the Dust." Born in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, Rorke participated in his first Comrades in 1978. Rorke's fundraising goal for this race is \$3,086, which matches his permanent race number of 3086 given to him after 10 marathons.

"I have had the good fortune of a loving family, stable career and community. Unlike individuals, families and communities dealing with the ravages of HIV/AIDS, I do not face such daily hardships," Rorke said.

During the public screening of "Angels in the Dust" at Oakland University, Rorke will challenge the community to donate \$1 each to the Starfish Greathearts Foundation. Donations will be accepted at the screening on May 21 or can be made online at the **Starfish Greathearts Foundation** Web site.

"Please join me in making a small difference in the lives of HIV/AIDS orphans. I promise to do the physically demanding part by running the race on June 15, but my hope is that the OU community will connect in spirit by making a small financial contribution to the Starfish Greathearts Foundation," Rorke said.

For more information on the screening of "Angels in the Dust" or Rorke's participation in The Comrades, call (586) 945-5453 or e-mail klkosek@oakland.edu. The event is free and open to all. Light refreshments will be served.

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