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African Aid Organization with Chicago Roots Celebrates Continued Success with Gala at The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago

Chicago, IL: One Acre Fund Founder Andrew Youn will be in Chicago on October 2, 2008, for the program's second annual Gala Benefit to present the program's success and share in a wonderful meal. Tickets cost \$200 and sponsorship opportunities, which include a table of ten, are available for interested corporations and individuals.

Not yet three years old, One Acre Fund's programs have quadrupled the harvest of participating farmers and reduced the infant mortality rate 50% among families enrolled. Conceived as a charity run like a business, One Acre Fund's sustainable business model has helped an incredible 97% of its participants not only to increase crop yields, but also to repay program fees after just one year. OAF's vision is to serve 30,000 farm families, including 120,000 children, by the end of 2010, while doubling farm income for each family and reaching financial self-sufficiency.

Word of the program's success has spread rapidly and Andrew Youn has been featured in local and national media outlets including NPR, CBS News, Glamour Magazine and many more.

The gala dinner at the Ritz-Carlton offers the unique chance to meet One Acre Fund's Founder and Board Members, while participating in this unique project's continued success.

The dinner features a four course dinner from Chef Mark Payne, based on several One Acre Fund crops, and paired with wines generously provided by Candid Wines. See following page for menu.

Tickets can be bought online with a credit card, or by mail with a check. To buy tickets online, visit www.oneacrefund.org/chicagofundraiser. Or, send payments by check, made payable to One Acre Fund, to 1742 Tatum Street, Falcon Heights, MN 55113. Space is limited and we expect to sell out. Prepaid reservations must be received by September 22, 2008.

One Acre Fund empowers the chronically hungry to pull themselves out of poverty, and they do it one crop at a time. Started in 2006, OAF has already helped over 2,000 Kenyan and Rwandan farm families increase the yield from their crops by as much as 300%, and has reduced the infant mortality rate among its farmers by 50%. Founder Andrew Youn was moved to start the Fund after witnessing heartbreaking poverty during trips to South Africa and Kenya when he was attending the Kellogg School of Management and intends to build One Acre Fund into a sustainable large scale organization to combat poverty. www.oneacrefund.org.

Guests will enjoy:

Yellow Corn and Yukon Gold Potato Veloute, Maine Crab, Sourdough Croutons

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Mesclun Greens, Smoked Chicken and Capriole Farm Goats Cheese in Phyllo,
Passion fruit and Champagne Vinaigrette

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Guest Choice of Entree:

Grilled Tenderloin of Beef, House made Cajun Seasoning, Soft Herb Polenta, Papaya,
Jicama and Cilantro Salsa, Red Wine Syrup

OR

Mango Glazed Mahi Mahi, Grilled Herb Polenta, Charred Corn and Green Tomato
Salsa, Port Wine Reduction

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Passionfruit Charlotte with Bruleed Meringue and Pineapple Coconut Center

Coffee and Teas

Each Course will be paired with a wine from Candid Wines.