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SOLO SAILER EMBARKS ON GLOBAL CIRCUMNAVIGATION TO BENEFIT WORLDS ORPHANS

Houston, Texas—This isn't your average sailboat cruise and Lee Winters isn't your average sailor. In fact, the 32 year old didn't know how to sail five short years ago. Despite his lack of experience Lee is setting his sights on the horizon and will be sailing a small boat around the world to raise awareness for children who need homes.

"I had to do something. To do something that helped people instead of just living for myself" says Lee. Lee chose the multi-national non-profit SOS Children's Villages as the recipient of his awareness and fundraising efforts. SOS operates villages in over 132 countries and has more than 60,000 displaced or abandoned children under their care.

Lee departs the Houston, Texas on November 13th, 2008 as soon as the hurricane season draws to a close. First stop, the SOS Children's Village in Campeche, Mexico. "I wanted to partner with SOS immediately when I saw their excitement at the idea. SOS has invited me to visit their villages all over the world," said Lee who will be traveling on a 33 year old, 39 foot sailboat named Jargo.

Explaining his motivation Lee said, "The ultimate goal is to use my desire circle the globe as a means to raise awareness for SOS Children's Villages". To accomplish this Lee is going to tell the story of the children and staff of SOS he meets around the world. Those stories along with a blog, pictures, and video of his trip will be displayed on the newly launched website www.sailing4sos.com.

"Once readers visit the site they'll be able to read my daily blog about the voyage including my personal experience with the people of SOS. If they meet a child through my trip that moves them, I hope they will sponsor them directly through the SOS site" said Lee.

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Mark A. Neidig, Chief Development Officer for SOS Children's Villages – USA said, "We're thrilled Lee has chosen SOS as the recipient of his efforts. His trip sounds like an amazing vehicle to raise awareness and support for our global operations." To help kick off the project SOS USA will link directly to Lee's web site from their page at www.sos-usa.com allowing interested donors to read about SOS operations around the globe as seen through Lee's experience.

About Sailing for SOS

Sailing4SOS.com raises awareness of and donations to the 501(c)3 multi-national non-profit SOS Children's Villages. The 39 foot sailing vessel Jargo visits SOS Children's Village locations around the world while en-route to the completion of a global sailing circumnavigation. The stories of the children, SOS staff, and the adventure spring to life through the website www.Sailing4SOS.com where readers can support the SOS Mission.

About SOS Children's Villages

SOS Children's Villages was founded in 1949 to provide families for orphaned and abandoned children. Today there are over 450 villages in 132 countries around the world. The mission of SOS is to build families for children in need, help them shape their own futures and share in the development of their communities. To learn more, visit www.sos-usa.org.

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