



FOCUS FOR HUMANITY TO OFFER US\$15,000 FFH FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

TO ASPIRING TRAVEL AND HUMANITARIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

SANTA MONICA, CA – July 1, 2010 - Focus For Humanity, a non-profit organization that provides grants to photographers working with our planet's most vulnerable peoples, launches a \$15,000 grant contest for an aspiring travel and humanitarian photographer, announced today co-founders Marco Ryan and Loren Roberts.

"Our aim is simple. We want to help aspiring photographers realize their full potential in beginning a career in humanitarian and travel photography. We do this by helping them overcome that last barrier that is stopping them from turning full time. We provide them with the funds, the contacts, the opportunities and the support to ensure this critical hurdle is overcome and they begin their new career with the best possible head start," states Marco Ryan.

One of two major awards to be offered annually by Focus for Humanity, the Foundation Fellowship is a grant of US\$15,000 for a currently non full-time photographer keen to focus on photography as a career within the humanitarian or cultural field. The recipient may undertake their own photo assignment or work with a member of the Advisory Council on a new assignment with an NGO.

Included in the fellowship is a year's membership of the IGVP (International Guild of Visual Peacemakers), a mentor from among the Guild's members, marketing coaching and advice, and a stipend of up to US\$5,000 towards new equipment.

The foundation is awarded by means of a competitive portfolio review and an assessment of an online application by the Foundation's Advisory Council which is composed of acclaimed humanitarian and cultural photographers Gavin Gough, Matt Brandon, Jeffrey Chapman, Karl Grobl, Edoardo Agresti and David duChemin.

The fellowship is open to individual photographers who are not yet presently engaged in the full time business of creating and selling or licensing imagery. Additional details and eligibility requirements are available online at

<http://www.focusforhumanity.org/grants-and-awards/>

Applications may be submitted starting July 1, 2010 and must be uploaded to the FFH website before midnight (PDT) on August 30, 2010.

#### ABOUT FOCUS FOR HUMANITY

The hopes and struggles of people all over the globe are recorded by photographers whose profound commitment to their work is matched by their responsibility to their subjects. Our mission is to provide financial support, resources, and training for professional and amateur photographers who capture these stories of our shared humanity and to help fund their work with NGOs.

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