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Save Darfur Coalition Honors Choreographer Rebecca Davis on 8th Day of Women's Campaign

Coalition matches an awareness-raising action and activist with each of the 16 days

WASHINGTON – Today (Wednesday December 2, 2009) the Save Darfur Coalition is honoring the Philadelphia Choreographer Rebecca Davis as part of an initiative associated with the internationally-observed “16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence.” For each of the [16 days](#), the coalition’s unique campaign will honor a leader in the fight to empower, protect and uplift women in Sudan and offer a corresponding action for activists. The international movement is observed between November 25, 2009 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) and December 10, 2009 (International Human Rights Day).

The founder and artistic director of the award-winning [Rebecca Davis Dance Company](#) is being honored for her creative activism to raise awareness about gender-based violence in Darfur. In 2008 Davis debuted [DARFUR](#), a dance production based on the film and book, *The Devil Came on Horseback*. The multimedia performance has been presented throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. *DARFUR* raised \$5,000 for Global Grassroots, a non-profit organization that invests resources for lasting social change in Sudan.

Last summer, Davis spent two months in Brcko, Bosnia-Herzegovina, developing a creative movement program for youth of diverse ethnic backgrounds focusing on the theme of reconciliation in a post-conflict country. She has choreographed and taught ballet in Rwanda, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Canada, Russia, and the United States, and is currently pursuing a Masters of International Relations with a concentration in Peacekeeping. Davis is a Fulbright grant recipient and graduated summa cum laude with a Business degree from Temple University.

To learn more about Save Darfur Coalition’s acknowledgement of Rebecca Davis’s leadership, please visit: www.savedarfur.org/pages/day-8.

“By using art and dance, Rebecca Davis has creatively confronted and raised awareness about violence against women in Darfur and Sudan,” said Niemat Ahmadi a genocide survivor and liaison to the Darfuri diaspora community at the Save Darfur Coalition. “By connecting her audiences to

the suffering in Darfur and Sudan, she has been able to amplify the courageous voices and stories of survivors of sexual violence.”

The Save Darfur Coalition is asking that activists observe the 8th day of the campaign by adding their own out-of-the-box Sudan advocacy or awareness project to Save Darfur Coalition’s "Creative Community" by visiting www.savedarfur.org/pages/day-8.

The global campaign started in 1991 at the [Center for Global Women’s Leadership](#) at Rutgers University, and is observed by thousands of organizations across the globe. The Save Darfur Coalition is raising awareness by honoring 16 trail-blazing individuals or groups who are fighting to end sexual violence in Darfur, and helping to educate their communities about the ongoing suffering in Sudan.

The coalition’s entire “16 Days” initiatives can be found at www.savedarfur.org/16days.

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About Save Darfur Coalition: The Save Darfur Coalition – an alliance of more than 180 faith-based, advocacy and human rights organizations – raises public awareness about the ongoing genocide in Darfur and mobilizes a unified response to the atrocities that threaten the lives of people throughout the Darfur region. The coalition’s member organizations represent 130 million people of all ages, races, religions and political affiliations united together to help the people of Darfur. For more information on the coalition, please visit www.SaveDarfur.org.