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Montana's Only Hague-Accredited Adoption Agency Hosts Art Auction Fundraiser

BOZEMAN – The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach, a Bozeman-based adoption agency, is hosting their annual dinner and art auction on Friday, November 9th at The Commons. This event serves to raise awareness of, and funding for, the various programs of Sacred Portion.

Sacred Portion was started in 1999 by Craig and Jan Druckenmiller, in response to their passion for serving children without homes and families. Its programs are multi-fold, including a summer hosting program, where older international orphans come to Montana or Wyoming to spend a summer with a potential adoptive family; home studies for Montana families seeking to adopt either domestically or internationally; and international adoption placements from the Philippines and, just recently, Colombia.

Sacred Portion is the only Hague-accredited adoption agency in the state of Montana. Hague accreditation is a set of standards used internationally for adoption agencies, and is required by many countries for placing orphans from their countries.

While November's fundraiser raises money for all of Sacred Portion's programs, it is especially crucial this year, as recent changes with the accrediting entity have increased their costs of Hague accreditation by nearly \$7,000. If Sacred Portion can't raise enough money for the reaccreditation, many Montana families wishing to adopt internationally will be in a tight spot.

In addition to a dinner, the November 9th event will auction art created by orphans from Sacred Portion's partner organization, Rehoboth Children's Home in the Philippines, as well as art from adopted children now in Montana and some local professional artists. There will also be an adoptive couple from Montana speaking about their experiences with adoption.

The fundraiser event is sponsored by private donors, including Barnard Construction and the Gianforte Family Foundation, and local businesses. As a result, it is free to attend, and all proceeds will go directly toward the work of Sacred Portion.

For more information about the event or Sacred Portion, contact Jan Druckenmiller at 406-586-5773.

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