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Film Society Screening Raises Awareness and Donations for Kenyan Orphans

(Cape May, NJ) Orphans in Kenya, Africa are one step closer to having their own building to call home thanks to those who attended the world premiere screening of the film "Flying Kites," by local Young Filmmaker Chad Shagren. "The children portrayed in Flying Kites belong to an orphanage in the slums of Nairobi," says Shagren. "The documentary concentrates on Ben, an HIV positive orphan, and the daily hardships present in an over capacitated orphanage in Sub-Saharan Africa. Yet the children of the orphanage never give up, confronting each day's obstacles relentlessly, showing hope, resolve, and in Ben's case, humor."

The audience was standing room only with more than 120 in attendance. They gave \$250 to the cause last night, and many wanted more information how to donate. Learn more about the Flying Kites by emailing info@fkfcc.org or visiting the website www.flyingkites.net.

The night was also marked by the first annual installation of the Cape May Film Society Angel Awards, which were given to those members of the community that have been helpful in supporting our Young Filmmakers in pursuing their craft. The award recipients were Cutis Bashaw, Lower Township Optimists, Chuck & Hilary Pritchard, Sue & Keith Laudeman, and Larry & Miriam Hirsch.

Last night's event was part of "August Movie Premiere Month," which continues on Monday, August 11 with the film "Great New Jersey Coastal Storms" at the Beach Theatre. On August 18, the Society will screen the film "The Road Home," at the VFW.

The Cape May Film Society will host the eighth annual Cape May Film Festival on November 21-23, 2008. The event is New Jersey's premiere film festival dedicated to the support and presentation of creative, challenging, groundbreaking, film/video works by New Jersey filmmakers. The Society is also the region's leading educational and cultural resource for youth and adult learners interested in all facets of the cinematic experience. For more information on our programs, contact the Film Festival office at 609-884-6700 or visit them online at www.capemayfilm.org.

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