

Actor/Activist/Award-Winning Filmmaker **Michael Cory Davis** To Be Honored with People to People International's Most Prestigious Award

"Make a Difference Award" to be presented at People to People International ceremony in Las Vegas

September 3-5, 2009—Las Vegas, NV—Michael Cory Davis, actor, activist and award-winning filmmaker, will be honored with People to People International's (PTPI) most prestigious award—its **Make a Difference Award**—in Las Vegas. Previous recipients of the award have included Gary Sinise, Operations Smile and Olympian Rafer Johnson.

PTPI will be presenting the award to Davis at its Celebrate! Reception and dinner held at Cili's Restaurant on the Bali Hai Golf Course. Additionally, the organization's *Eisenhower Medallion* will be awarded to the Prime Minister of Albania, Sali Berisha and the *Distinguished Service Award* will be presented to Relief International.

Davis was selected to be the latest award recipient by PTPI's international board of directors for his efforts to end human trafficking through his *I Stop Traffic* campaign. PTPI first became aware of Davis and his work when they attended a screening of one of Davis' films, *Svetlana's Journey*, in Cairo, Egypt. Davis received a standing ovation for his speech following the screening and was later asked to address PTPI's annual conference in Kansas City in May.

"I am so humbled to receive this amazing honor," said Davis. "My work to end human trafficking has been a long road but it has reaped its own special rewards and it's remarkable to have it recognized by such a distinguished organization."

Davis and his *I Stop Traffic* campaign have visited countless cities across America and around the world. He has screened his films for various organizations, churches, universities, colleges and law enforcement agencies that have also used the films for training.

"This special recognition embodies the ideal my Grandfather strongly believed in and is awarded to those who have made exceptional contributions toward

making improving peoples' lives throughout the world," said Eisenhower, president and CEO of People to People International. "Michael's legacy of compassion, dedication and fighting for the rights of those who are unable to fight will continue to help our world community for generations to come."

About People to People International

People to People International is dedicated to enhancing cross-cultural communication within each community, and across communities and nations. Tolerance and mutual understanding are central themes. While not a partisan or political institution, PTPI supports the basic values and goals of its founder, President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

About Michael Cory Davis/The Journey Film Group

Michael Cory Davis, founder of The Journey Film Group, is an actor/filmmaker/activist. He has been involved in the fight to end modern day slavery since 2003 when he became the Goodwill Ambassador for the organization Face to Face Bulgaria, which works to combat trafficking. Michael wrote, directed and produced the award-winning film *Svetlana's Journey*, a true story about a Bulgarian girl forced into prostitution. He lived in and toured the country meeting countless victims and potential victims, using *Svetlana's Journey* as the tool to educate them. In 2005, the film aired on Bulgaria's national television station and here in the U.S., it won the Hollywood Film Festival for Best Short Subject as well as the HD Film Festival for Best Short, Best Dramatic Short and runner-up for Best Director. *Cargo: Innocence Lost* and *Svetlana's Journey* have been used by more than one hundred organizations and institutions to educate, enlighten, and motivate people to take action and get involved in the fight against human trafficking. Michael has appeared on *World News with Charles Gibson*, CNN, NBC, ABC, and KTLA news, bringing light to the issue.

MEDIA CONTACT FOR JOURNEY FILM GROUP

Dianna Bari

d.bari@dbmediarelations.com

phone: 310-295-2671