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### **Women Empowered: Inspiring Change in the Emerging World Photography Exhibition, Book Signing & Lecture**

San Francisco, September 2007 - The FiftyCrows Gallery is pleased to announce the exhibit *Women Empowered: Inspiring Change in the Emerging World*, by award-winning photographer Phil Borges. The exhibit celebrates ordinary women making extraordinary differences in their worlds, and will be on view at the FiftyCrows Gallery from September 14th through November 17th. FiftyCrows will host an opening reception and book signing with the artist on Friday, September 14th from 4:30 pm to 8 pm. This event is open to the public and admission is free.

A collection of thirty riveting portraits and moving personal stories, *Women Empowered* focuses on women in developing countries who have broken through the barriers of convention and oppression to improve their own well-being and the well-being of their communities. The photographs and stories shed light on specific gender issues worldwide and the struggles of women in developing countries to achieve gender equality. Their Struggles and triumphs speak to the universal themes of courage, empowerment, and human rights.

As a photographer and author, Phil Borges has focused on health and human rights issues in the developing world for the past 20 years. His books and traveling exhibits bring attention to issues faced by people in the developing world and bring support to organizations that are addressing those issues. For this project, he has partnered with the international organization CARE. The exhibit is part of an ongoing campaign to educate the public on the critical role the empowerment of women plays in combating poverty and controlling the spread of HIV/AIDS. The exhibit's tour began on International Women's day with an opening at the United Nations Lobby in New York on March 8th, 2007.

The FiftyCrows Foundation is a California 501(c)(3), non-profit charitable organization. Its mission is to evoke human passion through the power of images and inspired activism. FiftyCrows uses photographic and spoken narratives of world events to educate people about social, political and environmental situations that lead to a better understanding of our common humanity.

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