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## Concert To Raise Funds For Freedom House

Dave and Sonya Lock's concern for abandoned and orphaned children culminated in the founding of Freedom House Bethesda in Haiti in 2006.

After connecting with a Haitian Pastor in 2004, they began the process of finding and renovating a property and training staff. Freedom House in Port-au-Prince currently cares for 13 girls aged from seven to 12, and the Locks are in the process of adding a second floor to accommodate another 12 to 15 girls. In 2008, they opened a second home in Jacmel on the southern coast, which now houses 19 girls aged from two to 11.

Springvale Church in Stouffville, together with local families and individuals, has joined the Locks to support the

Freedom House orphanages. Some have sponsored orphans and provide monthly support, others have raised funds for special projects. Local children have set up lemonade and cookie stands

to make the Locks' passion become reality.

Now the Locks hope to build a larger facility for Freedom House Grace in the Jacmel countryside to house approximately 40 girls. The couple want to raise funds to buy a dump truck so that the Haitian pastor can start a business, which will help pay for the construction of the new home, provide jobs for the local economy and contribute to the needs of Freedom House Grace. For more information visit www.freedomhouse.org.

This month, acclaimed pianist, organist and singer John Sands will perform at a fundraising concert for Freedom House, sponsored by Candlelight & Memories. Mr. Sands began his career as a musician more than four decades ago in the concert and dance halls of his native England. His style encompasses contemporary, classical and Latin rhythms, with a touch of swing.

The concert takes place Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at EastRidge Church, 12485 Tenth Line. Tickets are \$12 and available from Candlelight & Memories, 6198 Main St. or at the door. For more information call 905-642-4940.

Dave Lock is surrounded by some of the residents of Freedom House in Haiti.



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### Away We Go Kicks Off Film Circuit Series In Stouffville

On Oct. 14 at 7 p.m., Starlight Cinema at Nineteen on the Park presents Away We Go, directed by Sam Mendes, who won an Academy Award for American Beauty.

The film explores the comic twists and emotional turns during a couple's search for a place to call home. Burt (John Krasinski) and Verona (Maya Rudolph) are going to have a baby. To their chagrin they discover that their closest family members, Burt's parents Jerry and Gloria, (Jeff Daniels and Catherine O'Hara) are moving out of Colorado, where the young couple had hoped to bring up their new baby among loving family.

Instead they embark on a journey to visit friends and family in an effort to find their perfect home. Their first stop is Phoenix, where they spend a day with Verona's irrepressible (and frequently inappropriate) former colleague Lily (Allison Janney); then it's on to Tucson to visit Verona's

only living relative, her sister Grace (Carmen Ejogo).

A conversation with Grace gives Verona a fresh perspective, which she will sorely need on arrival in Wisconsin, where Ellen, now known as LN (Maggie Gyllenhaal), and her partner Roderick (Josh Hamilton), live. After the latter pair elaborate on their intractable ideas for raising children, Burt and Verona bolt for Montreal and a warmer welcome from former college classmates Tom (Chris Messina) and Munch (Melanie Lynskey).

Although LN and Roderick's house is full of children, comfort

and joy, a night out with their friends offers a bracing reminder of how much it takes to sustain a relationship and a family. When an emergency call forces Burt and Verona into a detour to Miami to visit Burt's brother (Paul Schneider), they realize that they must define home on their own terms.

Away We Go is the first in a series of nine movies to be screened at Nineteen on the Park as part of Toronto International Film Festival's Film Circuit. Movies will be shown at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month from October to June, and season passes are available now from the box office. Single tickets are \$7.50 will also be offered on the night of the screening, space permitting. The series is sponsored by the Stouffville Free Press.

For more information call 905-640-2322 or visit www.townofws.com/Nineteen.



The first in the 2009-2010 series of Film Circuit movies comes to Nineteen on the Park Oct. 14 with a screening of Away We Go. The Film Circuit, which is part of the Toronto International Film Festival, provides audiences in smaller communities an opportunity to enjoy the best of independent and Canadian film.

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