

## THE GLOBAL CARE DREAM TEAM!

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## THE ETHIOPIAN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE

*BUILDING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS THROUGH EDUCATION*

A NEW GLOBAL CARE UNLIMITED INITIATIVE

**KICKOFF EVENT:  
MEET THE TEAM!  
SHARE THE DREAM!**



NOVEMBER 19, 2007  
7PM TO 9PM  
TENAFLY MIDDLE SCHOOL



## SPECIAL GUEST MR. YOHANNES GEBREGEORGIS



*Books change lives and not just individual lives but the lives of societies. They make societies more passionate, more human and more understanding of the rights of others and of the rights of countries to develop. And basically for any country to develop, it has to cultivate its reading culture.”*

*Yohannes Gebregeorgis*

Global Care Unlimited welcomes to TMS Mr. Yohannes Gebregeorgis, our Ethiopian partner, founder of the non-profit organization “Ethiopia Reads” and founder of the proposed Pre-K to Grade 10 School in Awassa, Ethiopia.

Yohannes arrived in the United States as a political refugee in 1982 and while working full-time, he was also able to further his higher education, eventually earning a BA in English Literature and Journalism in 1989 from the University of Buffalo and a Masters degree in Library and Information Science in 1991 from the University of Texas. He eventually accepted a job in the children’s department of the San Francisco Public Library where he soon realized that although the library had many children’s books from around the world and in many different languages, the collection did not include a single one written in any of the Ethiopian languages. Backed by grants allocated by the library, he began an extensive search that eventually led him to create Ethiopia Reads that is recognized as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation since 1999. In 2003, Ethiopia Reads opened the Shola Children’s Library, the country’s first free library for children, which now houses more than 15,000 books. The goal is to open 100 libraries by 2010. Among its many initiatives, Ethiopia Reads also organizes a spring literary festival for kids while a Mobile Donkey Library serves children in poor rural areas near the regional capital of Awassa. The organization also produces culturally authentic bi- and tri-lingual children’s books in English and Ethiopian languages, with texts and illustrations based on Ethiopian culture and history. The success of Ethiopia Reads is chronicled in the October 2007 issue of Good Housekeeping magazine. Yohannes now envisions the construction of the first school in Ethiopia where poor and rich kids can learn side by side, providing quality education for all Ethiopian children. Those who can’t afford the fees (110 Birr, approximately \$12 USD a month) get scholarships by a variety of sponsors.

## EVENING HIGHLIGHTS

7:00 to 7:30pm

Refreshments at the TMS Cafeteria

*Gallery Tours of the Global Care*

*Student Presentations*

Event moves to the TMS Auditorium

7:30 to 7:40pm

Welcoming Remarks

*Mr. Mark Hyman on the Ethiopian School Initiative*

7:40pm to 7:50pm

Principal’s Message

*TMS Principal, Mr. William Belluzzi, on the new GCU Initiative*

7:50 to 7:55pm

Student Comments

*Jordan Meisel (7Gr) and Hannah Pasternak (7Gr)*

*Student Organizers on the team’s vision*

7:55 to 8:00pm

TMS calling Ethiopia

*Mark Hyman introduces Yohannes Gebregeorgis*

8:00 to 8:25pm

Special Guest Presentation

*Mr. Yohannes Gebregeorgis on his remarkable journey  
& the vision behind the creation of the  
“Ethio-American Friendship School” in Awassa, Ehtiopia*

8:25 to 8:35pm

Q & A Session

*Mr. Gebregeorgis takes questions from the audience*

8:35 to 8:45pm

Poetry Reading

*Global Care Students read their poems inspired  
by the Ethiopian initiative*

8:45 to 9:00pm

Share Our Dream

*Global Care Students explain how the audience  
can participate in the Ethiopian initiative  
and present future fundraiser events*