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Soup and Salad Lunch will help Finlandia Students Learn and Serve in Tanzania

HANCOCK, MI – A Silent Auction and Soup & Salad lunch will take place Saturday, February 21, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Finlandia University Finlandia Hall Café in the university's residence hall.

More than 100 auction items will be up for bid, such as handicrafts, gift certificates, and cloth from Tanzania.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the door. Adults tickets are \$8; children ages six to 11: \$3.00; children 5 and under may attend free.

Proceeds from the lunch and silent auction will help five Finlandia students raise funds for a May 2009 trip to Tanzania.

In the past three years, 31 Finlandia students and area youth have been part of Finlandia's annual three-week service learning trip. This year, five Finlandia students are preparing to serve and learn in Tanzania.

The students are juniors Jillian Dolkey (Wetmore, MI) and Jaimianne Amicucci (Mahopac Falls, NY), sophomore Dan Grille (Wallace, MI), and freshmen Jessica Zierle (Union City, MI) and Aggie Pietila (Bruce Crossing, MI).

“The relationships with the many people we work with in Tanzania will continue to blossom through these five students,” said Finlandia Campus Pastor René Johnson. “They’ll be helping in the building of new dorms at Kisarawe Lutheran Jr. Seminar, a secondary school, and staying with host families in the capital city as they develop an understanding of life in Tanzania.”

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