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Virtue Foundation's Fifth Annual Bicoastal Symposium

In Collaboration With

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RETHINKING PEACE THROUGH EDUCATION & HOPE

DATE: Monday, September 11, 2006

Notable speakers include:

- *Alexandra Villard de Borchgrave, Author*
- *John Couch, Vice President, Education, Apple Computer, Inc.*
- *Georg Kell, Executive Director, U.N. Global Compact*
- *Karin Landgren, Chief of Child Protection, UNICEF*
- *Seymour Papert, Founder, M.I.T. Media Lab*
- *John Whitehead, Chairman, Goldman Sachs Foundation*

WHAT:

Annual symposium commemorating the anniversary of September 11 focuses on the critical role of education in rebuilding and reviving communities torn apart by various conflicts and natural disasters, from Louisiana to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Keynote address by John Couch, VP, Education, Apple Computer, Inc., on collaboration between Virtue Foundation and Apple in providing 600 iBook G4 laptops to children impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Debut of human rights documentary presented by Virtue Foundation, WITNESS, and AJEDI-KA, and produced by Emmy-nominated filmmaker Linda Pattillo, on the plight of child soldiers in the DRC, as well as special musical performance by U.S. Marine vocalist Elizabeth Quinones.

WHEN:

1:30 - 5:00 PM

WHERE:

United Nations, ECOSOC Council Chamber, First Avenue at 46th Street, NY

Virtue Foundation, a public charitable organization and NGO with special consultative status to the United Nations, seeks to raise awareness of global rights and responsibilities and to provide a voice to vulnerable women and children worldwide who lack basic necessities. Conceived in the aftermath of September 11, Virtue Foundation sponsors medical missions and humanitarian initiatives that address critical education and healthcare issues. For more information, please visit www.virtuefoundation.org.