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**Oprah Winfrey Joins the Fight to End Childhood Homelessness  
at HALO Virtual ArtReach Auction “The Main Event” Feb. 26  
Watch HALO Film Premiere Featuring HALO Youth Marjai and Exclusive Oprah Interview  
Special Music Performances by Tenille Townes and G. Love**



**Kansas City, MO** — HALO, a nonprofit that helps homeless and at-risk children around the world, is hosting its Virtual ArtReach Auction “The Main Event” on Fri., Feb. 26, 2021 to raise funds for homeless and at-risk children. This is an action-packed night featuring HALO youth, live entertainment, the HALO Documentary Short Film Premiere, and a live and silent auction with Special Guest Oprah Winfrey conducting an exclusive interview. Special music performances by 2020 Academy of Country Music Award Winner Tenille Townes, and 2020 Grammy

Nominated Music Artist for Best Contemporary Blues G. Love. Pre-Show is 6:30 p.m. CST and the Program is from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. CST.

“For over 15 years, HALO has provided housing, healing and education to thousands of homeless and at-risk children around the world. Our work has become even more critical during this global pandemic with the rise of youth homelessness,” said HALO Founder and CEO Rebecca Welsh. “We need you in our corner on Feb. 26 to support children who need us the most. And this year we are so proud to announce that Oprah has agreed to join us to help. Any donation can make a difference, big or small.”

Twenty-year-old HALO Alumni Marjai is featured in the HALO Short Film Documentary premiering at the virtual auction and will share her experience and resources that helped her defy the odds of youth homelessness. Marjai joined HALO when she was 10 years old while staying in a homeless shelter. She has become a powerful poet and is now attending one of the top journalism schools in the country.

“I want to be the voice for the voiceless,” said HALO Alumni Marjai. “HALO helped me find my voice, and as a way to give back to my community, I want to share my story to help others.”

Reigning Academy of Country Music’s New Female Vocalist, Tenille Townes has long supported at-risk youth in both Nashville, Tenn. and her hometown of Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada and joins HALO’s mission to end childhood homelessness with a special music performance.

The Golden Glove Presenting Sponsor is Mariner Wealth Advisors and the TKO “Knockout” Sponsors are Kemper Family Foundation, Capital, Dwell, MoroccanOil, and Haverty Family Foundation.

As featured on The CBS Evening News, the live and silent HALO auction boasts items from HALO youth, professional artists, businesses and individuals for over 15 years.

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The HALO Virtual Auction is free. Watch from the comfort of your home or host a safe gathering with family and friends. Register at <https://haloworldwide.org/themainevent>.

***ABOUT HALO:***

HALO believes every child should have the foundation of a family. Since 2005, HALO has provided love in the form of housing, healing and education to heal homeless and at-risk children. Featured in the Moroccan oil INSPIRED film series, “American Spirit” of CBS Evening News, “Heroes Among Us” and “25 Women Changing the World” of PEOPLE magazine, “The Today Show,” and Variety Magazine, HALO serves thousands of children each year and supports 21 homes and programs around the globe. HALO has Learning Centers and Housing programs in Kansas City, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and art programming in New York and Portland. HALO also supports orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, Mexico and India. Learn how Love Heals at HALO and help one more child spend one less day alone at [www.haloworldwide.org](http://www.haloworldwide.org).

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