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2008 Global Tzu Chi Family Festival

~In Celebration of Mother's Day, Buddha's Birthday and Global Tzu Chi Day

Dear Friends:

It's our pleasure to cordially invite you to join the Global Tzu Chi Family Festival at the beautiful Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, California. The event will be held on Sunday, May 11, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This event combines Mother's Day, Buddha's Birthday and Global Tzu Chi Day celebration into one festival. One of the highlights is the Buddha's Bathing Ceremony, which commemorates the birth of Sakyamuni Buddha 2500 years ago. We hope the ceremony will bring you harmony and peace; as well as convey our gratitude toward mothers. We will also present a unique perspective on how all living beings are interconnected and how we can make a difference with the exhibitions and performances.

During the event, tips for environmental conservation and recycling are offered to anyone who wishes to make a positive impact on our Mother Earth. In addition, on-site E-waste recycling center will be available to recycle retired electronics such as TVs, LCDs, cell phones, etc. The first 500 participants to recycle a TV or computer monitor will receive a pair of environmentally friendly chopsticks.

Furthermore, enjoy exquisite vegetarian food, live music, games, prizes and entertainment provided by Tzu Chi volunteers and other organizations or vendors in the Southern California area. In order to minimize the amount of waste produced, we'd like to remind you to bring your own reusable containers and utensils to enjoy the food and beverage at the festival.

We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends at the Family Festival on this upcoming Mother's Day! For more information, please call (909) 447-7799 or visit www.us.tzuchi.org

Sincerely Yours,

William Keh, CEO
Tzu Chi Foundation, U.S.A.

Event location: Santa Anita Park - 285 Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91066

Tentative schedule:

09:30 ~ 10:00 Reception

10:00 ~ 11:00 Buddha's Birthday Ceremony

11:00 ~ 11:30 Community Service and Coexist with the Earth Exhibition

11:30 ~ 11:45 Opening Ceremony and Proclamation of Tzu Chi Day

11:45 ~ 15:00 Performance and Festival