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**NYC PREMIERE OF “THE CHILDREN OF HUANG SHI”
TO BENEFIT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IN GREATER NEW YORK AND
SUPPORT VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND PREPAREDNESS TRAINING
IN “AT RISK” COMMUNITIES CITYWIDE**

*Hosted By
The Centennial Circle Of The American Red Cross In Greater New York
And SONY Pictures Classics*

New York – May 9, 2008 -- The New York City premier of *The Children of Huang Shi*, to benefit the American Red Cross in Greater New York (ARC/GNY) and its programs that support volunteer recruitment and preparedness training in the city’s “at risk” communities, will be held at The DGA Theater (110 West 57th Street) on Sunday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. Director Roger Spottiswoode and members of the cast, including Jonathan Rhys Meyers, will attend pre and post screening receptions to meet the audience and discuss the film.

Individual tickets begin at \$100. Individual and corporate sponsorships also are available. To purchase tickets for the New York City premier event, call 212-875-2151, or visit www.nyredcross.org/huangshi . Seating is limited. To learn more about the film, visit www.thechildrenofhuangshi.com .

Starring Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Radha Mitchell, Chow Yun-Fat and Michelle Yeoh, *The Children of Huang Shi* is inspired by true events. It is a portrayal both sweeping and intimate of people who, thrown into an unexpected and desperate situation, discover their capacity for love and responsibility. It tells how a young Englishman came to lead 60 orphaned boys on an extraordinary journey of almost a thousand perilous miles across the snow-bound Liu Pan Shan mountains to safety on the edge of the Mongolian desert, and how, in doing so, he came to understand the true meaning of courage.

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The premier is hosted by The Centennial Circle of ARC/GNY and SONY Pictures Classics. The Centennial Circle of ARC/GNY is comprised of women from both business and community organizations who want to make a difference in the lives of their families and the broader community by making emergency preparedness a common practice throughout the city. The group of more than 50 women raise awareness of the need for families and businesses, especially in “at risk” communities, to be prepared. They stress that everyone needs to **Be Red Cross Ready** through training and education.

The American Red Cross in Greater New York is a key humanitarian partner and a vital participant in New York’s plans and programs to help the nine million people in New York City and Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Sullivan counties prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. ARC/GNY provides immediate aid to more than 100,000 people affected by 3,000 emergencies a year, including fires, floods, building collapses and power outages. The chapter also helps New York residents and businesses prepare for emergencies by offering hundreds of courses in first aid, CPR and aquatics and free emergency preparedness training programs and resources. ARC/GNY is not a governmental organization and relies on individual and corporate gifts, special events and grants from foundations and local, state and federal government to fund its essential programs and services. For more information about volunteering, donating and training, call 1-877-RED CROSS (1-877-733-2767), or visit www.nyredcross.org.

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