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 **“Common Threads: Global Portraits”**

 **PHOTO EXHIBIT**

Cincinnati, Ohio--In 1993, photojournalist Cathy Lyons, applied for a medical mission photography job and won the assignment. Two years later, photojournalist Mark Lyons, a Pulitzer Prize winner, started alternating the global assignments with Cathy. Though separate when documenting the stories of those “who needed the most, but had the least” from around the globe, it was from the beginning a collaborative project that spanned twenty years and thirty countries from around the globe.

The result is the dramatic collection of photographs called “Common Threads,” on display at Xavier University’s Cintas Center upper level.

Mark and Cathy Lyons both have their B.A. in Photojournalism from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY, a leader in photojournalism for the past 30 years producing College Photographers of the Year winners, National Geographic photographers, and Pulitzer Prize winners. Former Chief Photo Editor of the Tennessean, and Chief Photo Editor at the Chicago Tribune, Jack Corn conveyed this about the images, “Mark and Cathy Lyons are two great documentary photographers. I have known them as students since I was on the faculty of the Journalism Department of Western Kentucky University, and I have followed their work as they became professionals. Their photographs seem to peer into the soul of people from around the world. I think it is documentary photography at its best.” Scott Stoelting, former head of LensCrafters’ Give the Gift of Sight, echoed the sentiment saying,“

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