Doctors Without Borders is Coming to Ann Arbor!

Traveling Exhibit To Raise Awareness of the Need for Medicines in Poor Countries

What: The “Access to Essential Medicines EXPO” Exhibit
An interactive exhibit housed in a 48-foot tractor-trailer. Using photographs and multimedia, the exhibit highlights the need for more research and development into treatments for diseases that affect the world’s poor.

When: Thursday, September 19 – Saturday, September 21, 2002
10:00am – 6:00pm

Where: The University of Michigan School of Public Health
109 S. Observatory Street (btwn Washington Heights and E. Medical Center Dr)

All events are free and open to the public. Wheelchair accessible.

Imagine you are stricken with a life-threatening disease and your doctor tells you that the medicine you need costs 30 times your annual income. Or that the only treatment available is an arsenic-based drug created 50 years ago. Or that even though newer, more effective drugs exist, they are not available.

This is the reality for millions in the developing world who suffer from infectious diseases. Many of the 14 million deaths from these diseases each year could have been prevented, but the medicines to treat them are too expensive, ineffective, highly toxic, or have gone out of production.

The Access EXPO exhibit profiles five patients from Doctors Without Borders’ projects around the world, each with a treatable infectious disease. By putting the visitor in the situation of the patient and offering a “diagnosis” with an experienced Doctors Without Borders medical field volunteer, the exhibit personalizes the need for better access to medical treatment in poor countries.

Come and visit the exhibit.
Meet experienced Doctors Without Borders medical field volunteers and staff.
Join a global movement of concerned citizens who believe that people in developing countries have the right to access to essential medicines.

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