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Davenport, IA (May 2011) — In February 2011, a Keith Donohue said farewell to sunny San Diego and began a journey that is likely to change his life — and many other lives, as well.

Donohue, 32, is the founder of Positive Present®, an organization devoted to positive affirmations and making a positive impact through philanthropy. His organization's first big venture is a unique project called "50Give," where Donohue is trekking cross-country to volunteer in each of the 50 states as well as Canada, Mexico and the District of Columbia.

Donohue's visit to Iowa on Wednesday, May 18 will be spent at the Figge Art Museum. Donohue will help the museum celebrate Haitian Flag Day by leading a volunteer project to bag food which will be delivered to Haiti. The Figge's Haitian Collection is one of the first and most comprehensive collections of Haitian art in the United States and in September the Figge will host the special exhibition, *Restoring the Spirit: Celebrating Haitian Art*. The Figge is partnering with *Kids Against Hunger*  
*Your Quad-Cities*

for this event and it is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Donohue will also help the museums administrative staff and assist Figge outreach staff with an elementary program in the Davenport School District.

Travelling by car, plane or boat, Donohue will devote 5-6 months of his time helping various nonprofits, charities and other worthy causes. During the journey, he will eat, sleep and breathe nothing but volunteerism to offer a helping hand (manual labor, office administration,

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fundraising, marketing/promotions, event planning, soccer coaching, whatever is needed).

What's his motivation? "I have a passion for helping others and fundraising," Donohue says. "I hope this trip will encourage others to give unconditionally and also provide positive awareness for inspiring organizations that strive to make this world better."

Donohue, a Washington, DC native, is no beginner when it comes to philanthropy and fundraising. Over the past five years, he has planned and promoted numerous charity events, including raising funds for youth and soccer-related organizations like DC SCORES. In early 2010, he created Triple Charity Crush, an innovative online fundraiser and race-day event which raised \$4000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and other organizations.

Amy Nakamoto, DC SCORES Executive Director adds, "Keith Donohue has taken his commitment to the [DC SCORES](#) mission to new levels over the past three years. Unsolicited, Keith has helped directly or indirectly raise a lot of money, awareness and excitement for the work we are doing with youth in DC through soccer and creative writing. He makes being in the 'charity business' even more rewarding than it already is."

*50Give is a venture of Positive Present®, an organization devoted to spreading inspiration through philanthropic projects, positive affirmations apparel and health & fitness-related channels. For more information on Keith Donohue, 50Give and Positive Present®, including sponsorship or charitable nonprofit submissions, please visit [www.positivepresent.com](http://www.positivepresent.com) or [www.50give.com](http://www.50give.com)*

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