## Cincinnati ---- July 4<sup>th</sup> Breakfast netted \$960.00 to support families of Eritrean Martyrs inside Eritrea

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Cincinnati, Ohio, July 4, 2012 -- A group of Eritrean-Americans and The Executive staff of the Association to Support The Families of Eritrean Martyrs organized a breakfast session at the St. Michael Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church located in the suburbs of Cincinnati.

Women and men of the Eritrea-American Community decided to have a breakfast session, and agreed the collected money would be used to support the families of Eritrean Martyrs inside Eritrea.

It is to be recalled about five years ago, an Association to support the Families of Eritrean Martyrs was organized in the city. At this time, The Association has more than 50 members. Within five years, more than \$14,000.00 has been collected, and sent to Eritrea.

Fathers and mothers, together with their children, came to The Church Hall to eat breakfast. All paid for the breakfast. The food was delicious. The atmosphere was serene. The unity was activating. The purpose was unique. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> time for the community to do such a thing. What a day to celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup>!

Many of those who came to the event and occasion voiced their support for the noble idea of raising more funds to support the thousands of disabled war veterans, orphans, and other family members who live in Eritrea. Eritrean history reveals that many young people, as well as adults have sacrificed their lives to usher Eritrean independence, and to defend the territorial integrity of Eritrea from Ethiopian control and aggression.

Those who participated in the event were impressed by the sense of unity the young people and adults showed to accept the purpose of the breakfast session.

May all martyred Eritreans rest in peace, and may Eritrea live in peace!

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