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Brett Dennen Performance at 3rd and Lindsley on Sunday, January 14, Will Benefit Tennessee Justice Center and Habitat for Humanity

Nashville, TN -- Songwriter and singer **Brett Dennen**, whose artistry has been compared to the folk song singing greats of the 60s and 70s, arrives in Nashville on Sunday, January 14, to perform at 3rd and Lindsley in a benefit concert for the Tennessee Justice Center and Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity. Dennen, who is on a multi-state cross country *Love Speaks* tour, will perform one show at 9:00 p.m. Dennen selects two charities in each city in which he performs to be the beneficiaries of his performance.

"The Tennessee Justice Center is very pleased to have been selected as one of the beneficiaries of this concert," said Michele Johnson, managing attorney at TJC. "His music is known for beautifully expressing the truth about the social issues of today in a timeless way."

"This is a wonderful way to reach out to people with a new, innovative approach," said Chris McCarthy, CEO of Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity (NAHFH). "This says a lot about Brett Dennen and his concern for the need to look at where we are as a society in addressing the needs of our citizens. There is a great need for decent, affordable housing in Nashville and across the country. And, Brett is doing what he can to help those in need gain the life-changing opportunity of owning their own home. We are so glad to be a part of this and very much appreciate Brett including NAHFH on his 'Love Speaks' tour."

Dennen, who is a California native, has been profiled in a variety of publications including Rolling Stone, where John Mayer wrote, "He's timeless – he's probably 25, but he seems like he's 25 in 1972."

His greatest gift as a songwriter is his ability to work with one foot in a tradition associated with social protest while the other foot is on the love song tradition. His message is a commitment to the marriage of music and change. Within a few days after his performance in Nashville, Dennen will travel to Park City Utah, where he will perform on January 20 during the Sundance Film Festival.

The Tennessee Justice Center (TJC) is a non-profit public interest law and advocacy firm serving the poor. It gives priority to policy issues and civil cases in which the most basic necessities of life are at stake and where advocacy can benefit needy families statewide. TJC works to empower its clients by holding government accountable to all citizens.

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization committed to providing families with the life-changing opportunity to purchase decent, affordable homes. The agency

consistently ranks in the top 1 percent of all Habitat affiliates and has quadrupled in size since 2002. NAHFH built a record 50 homes in 2006 – 38 locally and 12 abroad. As of December, 2006, 1012 family members, including 672 children have been served by NAHFH. Prior to becoming homeowners, Habitat partner families must complete 475 hours of “sweat equity” at the build site and in the classroom to earn their homes. Mortgage payments at zero percent interest range between \$350 and \$450 per month, including taxes and insurance. NAHFH builds ENERGY STAR certified energy efficient homes. To request an application or to receive more information about NAHFH, call 615-254-HOME or visit www.habitatnashville.org.

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