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## **CASTING CROWNS' MARK HALL AUCTIONS "AVENGERS" DESK**

Proceeds to Benefit World Vision's WASH Program

(Nashville, Tenn.) June 28, 2012—Following the successful auction of his “Han Solo Carbonite Desk,” which raised more than \$10,000 for charity in 2010, **Casting Crowns'** frontman and movie memorabilia collector Mark Hall is at it again. Currently, Hall is auctioning his one-of-a-kind “Marvel Superhero Desk,” inspired by box office hit “The Avengers,” now in theaters, with all proceeds going to World Vision's WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) program.

The desk was created by Tom Spina Designs, a New York-based company specializing in the creation of custom sculpture, themed furniture and the restoration and display of original movie props. It comes fully outfitted with an Iron Man helmet, arc reactor that lights up, Thor's hammer, Hawkeye's arrows with lights, a gamma vault, Captain America's shield, and Nick Fury's gun, badge, and I.D. Bidding will begin from July 3 and runs through July 13. Visit <http://celebrity.ebay.com/Casting-Crowns>.

Money raised from the sale of the desk will be donated to World Vision's WASH program. Every day thousands of children die of preventable water and sanitation related diseases. This donation will help save children the suffering caused by parasites, worms, dysentery and diarrhea as well as provide families in poverty with access to clean water through:

- Deep wells that supply safe water
- Storage containers for rainwater
- Piping systems to irrigate crops and improve access to clean water
- Purification equipment to treat water contaminated by bacteria and other waterborne disease-carriers
- Latrines and hand-washing stations to protect clean water sources and improve children's health

For more information on **WASH**, visit [www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/learn/ways-we-help-wsh](http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/learn/ways-we-help-wsh).

### **About Casting Crowns**

All of **Casting Crowns'** projects are RIAA certified, with a tally of three RIAA Platinum Albums, two RIAA Platinum DVDs, five RIAA Gold Albums, two Gold DVDs and three Gold digital singles (“Who Am I,” “Praise You In This Storm,” “East to West”). The band currently holds the position as *Billboard's* top-selling act in Christian music, since 2007. The group has also been honored with two American Music Awards, with six total nominations, three GRAMMY Awards, 14 GMA Dove Awards, two 2012 *Billboard* Music Awards and four total *Billboard* Music Award nominations.

**Casting Crowns'** seven band members all remain active in student ministry in the Atlanta area and tour according to their local church commitments. Serving his 18th year in youth ministry, lead singer/songwriter Mark Hall maintains his role as the student pastor at Eagle's Landing First Baptist Church in Atlanta.

As a testament to the band's impact, **Casting Crowns** performed for a second time in North Korea in April 2009, in partnership with Global Resource Services; the band continues to forge invaluable relationships with the people in the D.P.R.K. (Democratic People's Republic of Korea).

**Casting Crowns** recently concluded its 43-city "Come to the Well" spring tour, which saw 40 arena sellouts, more than 370,000 in attendance (across the 40-city fall leg and spring dates combined) and has generated more than 65,500 child sponsorships through its partnership with Christian humanitarian organization, World Vision.

For more information on **Casting Crowns** visit: [www.castingcrowns.com](http://www.castingcrowns.com), [www.facebook.com/castingcrowns](https://www.facebook.com/castingcrowns) , [www.twitter.com/castingcrowns](https://www.twitter.com/castingcrowns) or follow Mark Hall's Twitter at [twitter.com/markhallCC](https://twitter.com/markhallCC).

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