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Friends of #1 Star Wars Artist Dave Dorman Launch Web site to Help Pay for Dorman's Hurricane Damage

Summary: *Dave Dorman's business partner, Steve Smith, launched www.friendsofdavedorman.com to help the #1 Star Wars Artist of All Times defray costs of damages incurred by Hurricane Ivan to his Florida Panhandle home.*

FLORIDA PANHANDLE—All of the light sabers on George Lucas' planet Tatooine couldn't defend #1 Star Wars Artist Dave Dorman from the devastation his home incurred from Hurricane Ivan this past Thursday. Luckily, Dorman, a longtime friend and supporter to illustrator colleagues worldwide, is getting by with a little help from his friends. Business partner Steve Smith has launched a philanthropic Web site, www.friendsofdavedorman.com where illustrators can donate their works to help defray the costs of the extensive damage to Dorman's Florida Panhandle home.

At 2 a.m. on September 16, 2004, a tornado clipped the roof of Dorman's home, causing extensive water damage to the interior. Although Dorman's art studio and oil paintings were not affected, the home is largely uninhabitable, and Dorman's wife is eight-and-a-half months pregnant. "I am humbled and overwhelmed by the kindnesses shown to me by my illustrator friends, many of whom I've never had the pleasure of meeting in person," Dorman said. "I hope to repay them someday, somehow."

For more information on Dave Dorman, please visit www.DaveDorman.com or for Dorman's creation, The Wasted Lands, please visit the Web site at www.wastedlands.com.

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