

100 Women Gala Set for Nov. 16

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NEW YORK (HedgeWorld.com)—If you don't already have a ticket, you can't get in. 100 Women in Hedge Funds Fifth Annual Gala and Benefit is sold out, which means that the group is well on its way to exceeding last year's fundraising benchmark of more than \$2.2 million.

This year's event, slated for Thursday [Nov. 16], is raising money to benefit Teach for America, a program that places college graduates into two-year teaching positions at urban and rural schools, and Building with Books, which promotes education and cultural awareness through construction of schools in other countries and promoting student community service in the United States.

In addition to selling every seat at every table at Cipriani in New York, 100 Women in Hedge Funds is also holding a live auction through which it hopes to raise even more money. Among the prizes are the opportunity to drive a dream car provided by Gotham Dream Cars to dinner at a Smith & Wollensky restaurant; rental of a 9-bedroom, 8.5-bath house on North Carolina's Outer Banks; use of a Shea Stadium luxury box for a New York Mets game; trips to Crested Butte, Colo., and Las Palomas Resort in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico; access to a live taping of MTV's Total Request Live show; a luxury shopping spree with a "chic fashion insider" at Façonnable; and a seminar and one-on-one meeting with economist Jeffrey D. Sachs.

Those are just some of the 14 items up for bid at the live auction.

Besides raising money for charity, the 100 Women in Hedge Funds Gala also recognizes two people from the investment management industry. This year, the group will honor Carl C. Icahn, the activist investor and hedge fund manager, with its Effecting Change award, and Anne Dinning, a managing director at D. E. Shaw & Co. LP, with the Industry Leadership Award.

100 Women in Hedge Funds is a global association comprising 4,500 volunteers that provides educational programming and professional development for its members, the hedge fund industry and the community, and raises money to benefit charitable causes. The organization has raised close to \$10 million to date.

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