



The International Women Associates (IWA) will hold its annual fund raising gala on April 30, 2010, at the InterContinental Chicago. This year's gala theme is "Celebrating Global Understanding: One Friendship at a Time" and will honor Doe Thornburg. Doe founded the IWA 32 years ago with the idea of pursuing greater global understanding and universal human rights, especially for women and girls. We invite you to support the IWA's work in this pursuit by making a contribution to the Gala.

With some 450 members from more than 60 countries, we support the Chicago community with our educational programs promoting intercultural understanding and communication. IWA members offer local area students a personal glimpse of their home countries with our "Culture in a Suitcase" presentations. The Swift Public School has also been adopted by the IWA to provide books to keep, volunteer tutoring, and reading sessions to increase literacy for the school's 700 mainly refugee and immigrant students. The gala fundraiser supports these programs plus awards given to honorees of the IWA Woman Extraordinaire and Rising Voice of Woman, which honor and publicize the work of women who make an international contribution.

In addition to the exposure your contribution will receive at the gala and among our members, their families and friends, we will also acknowledge it in the program. You are welcome to send along promotional material or business cards, which we will display. We are enclosing a donation form and would appreciate your response no later than March 31, 2010. Since IWA is a 501 (c) (3) not-for profit organization, your contribution is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

We suggest the following contributions for your consideration:

- An item or items donated for the live or silent auctions
- Taking an ad or making a tribute to Doe in the printed program
- Underwriting

All proceeds from the gala fund our work. If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact IWA at iwa@iwachicago.org or 312.263.1421. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lynn Baker
2010 Gala Co-Chairs

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