



Dear Friend,

The International Women Associates (IWA) will hold its **annual fund-raising Gala on Friday, April 12, 2019 at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago**. This year's Gala theme is "**Brasil, Rhythm and Colors**" celebrating the vibrant rhythms and colors of Brazil. We ask for your support of the IWA Gala in one of the following ways:

- Become a Sponsor: Verde, Amarelo, Azul, or Branco
- Place an Ad or a Personal Tribute in our Gala Program Book
- Donate Items for our Live and Silent Auctions
- Make an In-Kind or Cash Donation

Proceeds from the Gala support the IWA mission to:

1) Create Diverse Friendships and Promote Cultural Exchange: IWA organizes 15+ culture, language and activity programs per month,

2) Partner with George B. Swift Specialty School: IWA invests in the education of young students to become productive and engaged global citizens. We work closely with this port-of-entry school which serves low-income, multicultural, immigrant and refugee students from 55 countries speaking 65 languages and dialects. Our members volunteer as readers, tutors and mentors; and we fund educational enrichment workshops, coaching and test preparation classes; sponsor special school projects and an annual essay contest; and distribute books.

3) Present 'Culture in a Suitcase': IWA members visit classrooms to share their individual world cultures with Chicago Public School students in an effort to raise cross-cultural consciousness among students.

4) Award Doe Thornburg Scholarships: IWA awards annual scholarships to female undergraduates to study abroad in honor of our founder and to encourage cultural exchange as part of a well-rounded education.

5) Raise Awareness of the Impact Chicago Women are Making Internationally: Now in its 23rd year, IWA organizes the annual Woman Extraordinaire Award celebration to recognize a Chicago woman whose international humanitarian efforts in her field of endeavor advance the welfare of women and children and inspire constructive action in others.

IWA, founded in 1978 by Doe Thornburg, is a 501(c)(3) Chicago cultural and educational organization whose members engage in cross-cultural exchange, community service, philanthropy, dialogue and friendship. By creating connections among people of diverse international backgrounds through our programs and with other organizations, IWA works toward establishing a more just and peaceful world. IWA's membership of approximately 500 women come from diverse international backgrounds and represent 58 countries. For more information, please visit the IWA website or contact the IWA office.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Your support will be deeply appreciated by and publicized among IWA members, friends, and partners and will be acknowledged in the IWA Gala program book.

The favor of a reply is requested no later than March 1, 2019.

Kind regards,

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Marian S. Jacobson
IWA President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heloisa Pacheco".

Heloisa Pacheco
Gala Co-Chair 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ana Lucia Pappas MD".

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