



**100 WOMEN IN HEDGE FUNDS NEW YORK GALA RAISES CLOSE TO \$2M FOR THE WILLIAM J. CLINTON FOUNDATION'S U.S. CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION PROGRAM, ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER GENERATION**

**AFSANEH MASHAYEKHI BESCHLOSS HONORED WITH INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD;  
PETER G. PETERSON HONORED WITH EFFECTING CHANGE AWARD**

New York, NY – November 17, 2011: 100 Women in Hedge Funds (“100WHF”) held its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New York Gala last night at Cipriani’s 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, raising close to \$2 million for the Clinton Foundation’s U.S. Childhood Obesity Prevention program, Alliance for a Healthier Generation. The evening was attended by 600 members and leaders across the Alternatives industry, topped off by a live performance by Jon Bon Jovi.

President Bill Clinton, commenting on the Gala, said, “For ten years, 100 Women in Hedge Funds has made a real difference for women and families by providing them with resources they need for long-term success. This year also marks a decade since I began my Foundation’s work and I am glad we have the friendship and support of 100 Women in Hedge Funds. I am pleased 100 Women in Hedge Funds is helping my Foundation make a positive impact for people around the globe. Thank you for your support and for all the good work you do.”

Since its formation in 2001, 100WHF has raised over \$24 million globally to support various charities in the fields of women’s and family health, mentoring and education. This year, which marks the organization’s 10th anniversary, 100WHF is focusing its charitable efforts on supporting women and family health initiatives. The Clinton Foundation’s U.S. Childhood Obesity Prevention Program, this year’s beneficiary, works to address one of the nation’s leading public health threats in childhood obesity. Founded in 2005 by the American Heart Association and William J. Clinton Foundation, the Alliance for a Healthier Generation works to positively affect the places that can make a difference in a child’s health: homes, schools, doctors’ offices, and communities.

At the Gala, 100WHF presented Afsaneh Mashayekhi Beschloss, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Rock Creek Group, with the 100 Women in Hedge Funds’ 2011 U.S. Industry Leadership Award. Ms. Beschloss received this award in recognition of her longtime commitment to leadership in the alternative investment industry. Ms. Beschloss is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Rock Creek Group. Prior to this, she was the Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer of the World Bank, responsible for managing \$65 billion in assets and a \$30 billion funding strategy, as well as \$160 billion in derivatives and structured products. In this position, Ms. Beschloss was instrumental in developing a \$3 billion portfolio of alternative investment funds. She holds an MPhil (Honors) in Economics from Oxford University.

Peter G. Peterson, Chairman Emeritus and Co-founder of the Blackstone Group, and Founder and Chairman of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, was presented the 100 Women in Hedge Funds’ 2011 Effecting Change Award. Mr. Peterson received this award for his work as an active philanthropist. He has pledged \$1 billion to his Foundation, which works to increase public awareness of the nature and urgency of key long-term fiscal challenges threatening America’s future and to accelerate action on them. Mr. Peterson is also a signatory of The Giving Pledge.

Commenting on the Gala, Sonia E. Gardner, Chair of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and Board member of 100WHF, said: “100WHF’s philanthropic mission is to leverage its collective abilities and expertise in order to give back to the community, and on our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we are thrilled to partner with the Clinton Foundation’s Alliance for a Healthier Generation, an organization that continues to do so much in the prevention of childhood obesity in the U.S. We were honored that President Bill Clinton attended the New York Gala to personally accept 100WHF’s donation on behalf of the Foundation. We hope that the funds raised at the New York Gala and other 100WHF fundraising events this year will significantly improve the lives of the many young people in this country threatened by this prevalent condition.”

To make a donation to the William J. Clinton Foundation’s U.S. Childhood Obesity Program, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, please contact Amanda Pullinger at [executivedirector@100womeninhedgefunds.org](mailto:executivedirector@100womeninhedgefunds.org).

### **About the William J. Clinton Foundation**

Building on a lifetime of public service, President Bill Clinton established the William J. Clinton Foundation with the mission to improve global health, strengthen economies, promote healthier childhoods, and protect the environment by fostering partnerships among governments, businesses, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and private citizens to turn good intentions into measurable results. Since 2001 President Clinton’s vision and leadership have resulted in nearly 4 million people benefiting from lifesaving HIV/AIDS treatment; more than 12,000 U.S. schools building healthier learning environments; more than 26,000 micro-entrepreneurs, small business owners, and smallholder farmers improving their livelihoods and communities; and more than 2.2 million tons of greenhouse gases cut or abated in some of the world’s largest cities. And President Clinton has redefined the way we think about giving and philanthropy through his Clinton Global Initiative, whose members have made more than 2,100 commitments that have already improved the lives of 400 million people in more than 180 countries. For more information, please visit [www.clintonfoundation.org](http://www.clintonfoundation.org).

### **About 100 Women in Hedge Funds**

100 Women in Hedge Funds is a global, practitioner-driven non-profit organization serving over 10,000 alternative investment management investors and professionals through educational, professional leverage and philanthropic initiatives. Formed in 2001, 100 Women in Hedge Funds has hosted close to 300 education events globally, connected more than 250 senior women through Peer Advisory Groups and raised over \$24 million for philanthropic causes in the areas of women’s and family health, education and mentoring. For more information about 100 Women in Hedge Funds, please visit [www.100womeninhedgefunds.org](http://www.100womeninhedgefunds.org).

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