

100 Women in Hedge Funds Raises Over CHF210,000 for the Benefit of Solidarité Femmes at its Geneva Gala



100WHF's Philanthropic Committee with the artist Yael Naim

Geneva, Switzerland – November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – 100 Women in Hedge Funds ("100WHF") held its 8<sup>th</sup> annual Gala in Geneva at the Grand Hôtel Kempinski. The Gala and other fundraising events during the year raised over CHF210,000 for the benefit of Solidarité Femmes. The net funds raised will specifically be used for a project providing mentoring support to mothers and children who suffer from the effects of domestic violence.

More than 220 members from across the finance industry attended the 100WHF Geneva Gala. Local State Counsellor Mauro Poggia, in charge of Employment, Social Affairs and Health Department was amongst the attendees. Caroline Lang from Sotheby's led a live silent auction and guests had the opportunity to participate. Yael Naim and DJ Katro Zauber provided the entertainment.

Beatrice Cortellini, Executive Director of Solidarité Femmes congratulated the Geneva Gala committee on the success of the event, and thanked all the sponsors and all attendees. She stressed how important the funds raised at the Gala were for Solidarite Femmes – and specifically its "Ouvrons la porte" project.

Anna Chevallier, the 100WHF London Board Member responsible for Swiss philanthropic initiatives, said: "100WHF is delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to this important cause." Dominique Wyss, the 2016 100WHF Geneva Gala Chair, added that for her "It was particularly meaningful to raise funds to help improve the lives of children exposed to domestic violence."

If you would like to make a donation to Solidarité Femmes, please contact phigen@100womeninhedgefunds.org for details.

## About 100WHF's Philanthropy

100WHF's philanthropic mission is to leverage its collective abilities and expertise in order to give back to the global community. Over the past 15 years, 100WHF has raised more than \$USD40 million globally for philanthropic causes. Each year, 100WHF Board of Directors selects charitable organisations in the U.S., Europe and Asia across three philanthropic themes: Women's and family health, Education, and Mentoring. In 2016, the theme is Mentoring.

In Switzerland, 100WHF has raised over CHF 1.8 million since 2009 for local not for profit organisations, including:

- In 2014, CHF270,000 for The Swiss Cancer League to help children with cancer or whose parents have cancer
- In 2013, CHF344,000 for "a:primo", an initiative supported by the Roger Federer Foundation, enabling children in poverty to gain necessary skills for primary education
- In 2012, CHF 300,000 for All Special Kids, funding an expansion of its summer camps for special needs children in Geneva, Vaud and Zurich
- In 2011, CHF380,000 for the beneficiary Cœurs pour Tous, aimed at providing adequate paediatric medical equipment for cardiac surgery and training medical staff
- In 2010, CHF200,000 to fund a mentoring project undertaken by Solidarité Femmes
- In 2009, CHF135,000 raised for one of Association Paidos' education initiatives

## About 100 Women in Hedge Funds

100 Women in Hedge Funds ("100WHF") is a global, practitioner-driven non-profit organization serving over 15,000 alternative investment management investors and professionals through educational, professional leverage and philanthropic initiatives. Formed in 2001, 100WHF has hosted over 600 industry education events globally, connected more than 400 senior women through Peer Advisory Groups and raised over \$40 million for philanthropic causes in the areas of women's and family health, education, and mentoring.

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