



## Hedge Funds Care 11th Annual Midwest Charity Gala Raises Over \$650,000 to Prevent and Treat Child Abuse

CHICAGO – May 29, 2013 – The Midwest financial community united on May 22, 2013 at the 11th Annual [Hedge Funds Care](#) Midwest “Open Your Heart to the Children” Benefit and raised over \$650,000 to provide support for local charities that prevent and treat child abuse. A highlight of the Chicago social calendar, the Benefit brought together over 450 members of the financial community, including representatives from the hedge fund, proprietary trading, private equity, and venture capital communities in support of this vital charitable cause. During the Benefit the Kelly Lively Award was presented to GEM Realty Capital for an outstanding commitment to the mission of Hedge Funds Care. Legendary sports trainer Tim Grover also attended and signed copies of his new book RELENTLESS: From Good To Great To Unstoppable.

Wesley Nissen of DLA Piper LLP (US) and Benji Wolken of Ernst & Young LLP served as this year’s Chicago Committee of Hearts Co-Chairs. Steve Mendes of TJM Investments; Emily Deter of RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC; Greg Schweider of Big Rock LLC; and Camille Clemons of UMB Fund Services headed this year’s Benefit Committee.

“This incredible evening brought together leaders of the Chicago financial community in support of a common charitable cause, which is to empower programs that actively prevent and treat child abuse,” said Committee co-chair Benji Wolken. “I am very thankful for the industry’s ongoing commitment to helping us raise funds that make a real and lasting difference in the lives of abused and neglected children,” Committee co-chair Wesley Nissen added.

“By supporting the 11<sup>th</sup> annual benefit, the Midwest financial and business communities enabled the important work of our local grantees in the areas of education, prevention, interventions, research, advocacy and training,” said Dr. Kathryn Conroy, Executive Director and CEO of Hedge Funds Care.

This event is the primary fundraising effort for the Midwest HFC chapter, which supports best-in-class charities that provide direct services to abused and neglected children. Current Midwest grantees include Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, Casa Central Social Service, Chicago Child Care Society, Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County, Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois, Community Counseling Centers of Chicago, The Family Defense Center, Family Service Agency of Waukesha County, Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Imagination Theater, Juvenile Protection Association, La Rabida Children's Hospital, North American Alliance of Child Helplines/BeCause Foundation, Teen Parent Connection, The Thresholds, Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center.

To download high resolution photos from the Midwest Benefit please [click here](#).

### **About Hedge Funds Care**

Hedge Funds Care ([www.HedgeFundsCare.org](http://www.HedgeFundsCare.org)) is an international charity dedicated to funding programs focused on preventing and treating child abuse. Since its inception in 1998, Hedge Funds Care has awarded over 900 grants totaling \$32 million. Hedge Funds Care is the only grant making public charity that focuses exclusively on funding this cause. Funds for Hedge Funds Care are also raised through events in more than 11 cities in the US, the UK, Canada, and Cayman Islands, and granted to community organizations addressing this issue.

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