



## Hedge Funds Care Northeast Committee of Hearts to Hold Annual Charity Gala at the Children's Museum of Boston

*Hedge Fund Industry to Unite at 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston "Open Your Heart to the Children" Benefit in Support of Local Programs to Prevent and Treat Child Abuse*

BOSTON - November 9, 2012 - Hedge Funds Care, an international non-profit organization which raises funds and awareness for programs to prevent and treat child abuse, will hold its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston Open Your Heart to the Children Benefit on Thursday November 15, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Eastern Time, at the Children's Museum of Boston (308 Congress Street, Boston).

The co-chairs for the event are Jeff Crispen, Chief Financial Officer of Feingold O'Keeffe Capital, and Connie DeBoever, Director and Equity Analyst, at The Boston Company Asset Management. Senior industry executives will unite for a special evening that will include cocktails, dinner, a raffle and silent auction, and featured speakers sportswriter Dan Wetzel and Olympic gold medalist Kayla Harrison.

Dan Wetzel, an award-winning sportswriter, author and screenwriter, has covered all areas of the sports arena. He is co-author of the book "Death to the BCS: The Definitive Case Against the Bowl Championship Series. More importantly, Dan was one of the few select media with access to the Jerry Sandusky trial which he covered for Yahoo sports. Kayla Harrison recently made history by being the first American (man or woman) to win the gold medal in judo. Despite her impressive career, it hasn't been without personal struggle. At age 16, she revealed years of sexual abuse by her former coach. She was instrumental in her abuser's sentencing hearing and has overcome her pain to pursue her dreams.

"We are thrilled to have Dan speak at our event. His background and experience covering the Penn State trial sheds light on the terrible abuse that has happened in certain school sports programs. This issue needs to be addressed so no other child is hurt. We are also delighted to have the opportunity to honor Kayla at this year's gala," said Jeff Crispen of Feingold O'Keeffe Capital, a co-chair of the event. "Her courage and willingness to share her personal story has put a significant focus on the subject of child abuse and the need to actively support programs that prevent and treat it."

Over the past 8 years, the Northeast Committee of Hearts has distributed nearly one million dollars through a total of 35 grants over the last six years to programs dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse. Last year, the annual Boston benefit raised over \$250,000. The event will also feature a silent auction and a raffle. Silent Auction prizes include a stay on Martha's Vineyard, a trip to Atlantis in the Bahamas, a two night stay at the White Elephant Resort on Nantucket, tickets to attend a live taping of Jimmy Kimmel, and more. A limited number of tickets and sponsorships are still available. Please [click here](#) for further information.

"The funds we raise at this year's benefit will help us continue to aid the victims of child abuse by supporting multiple programs throughout the greater Boston area," said Connie DeBoever, Director at The Boston Company Asset Management and co-chair of the event. "We are calling our colleagues throughout the Northeast hedge fund industry to unite and work together to make a difference in the lives of children."

### **About Hedge Funds Care**

Hedge Funds Care is an international charity supported largely by the alternative investment industry. Its sole mission is to support efforts to prevent and treat child abuse. Hedge Funds Care raises money, primarily through events, and awards grants in 12 major cities in the United States, Canada, the Cayman Islands, and the United Kingdom. Approximately 30 events are held annually. Hedge Funds Care's grantees service children of all ages and span the entire spectrum from preventive and educational services for at-risk families to forensic interviews and treatment of children who have already experienced abuse. Since inception, Hedge Funds Care has awarded more than 900 grants totaling more than \$33 million. Learn more at [HedgeFundsCare.org](http://HedgeFundsCare.org).

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