



## **Midwest Chapter of Hedge Funds Care Announces 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit to Combat Child Abuse**

**Only Grant Making Charity Focused On the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse Plans Annual Midwest Gala on May 20, 2009 at the Chicago Cultural Center**

CHICAGO, April 28, 2009 – Hedge Funds Care, a global non-profit organization which raises funds and awareness within the alternative investment industry for programs that work to prevent and treat child abuse, announced today that its Midwest Chapter will hold its *7<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Your Heart to the Children Benefit* on Wednesday May 20, 2009 at the Chicago Cultural Center, Preston Bradley Hall (78 E. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602). The Midwest Chapter successfully raised over \$1 million dollars last year. Through the ongoing commitment of industry professionals and investors, Hedge Funds Care looks forward to raising funds for community based nonprofit organizations that support and treat child abuse in the Midwest.

More than 400 members of the alternative investments community and their guests are expected to attend this year's benefit, which will include refreshments, music and a silent and live auction. The auction will include a Cakebread Cellars wine tour, Billy Joel/Elton John concert tickets at Wrigley Field, a trip to the new Waldorf-Astoria at Disney World including air, golf and spa, Box Seats for the White Sox, and many more activities to excite and treat supporters.

"This vitally important event will raise funds to support children who are suffering from abuse and neglect, which is a widespread national tragedy that has had an unfortunate increased occurrence in these economic times," said Melinda Kramer, of the Hedge Funds Care Midwest Chapter. "Hedge Funds Care is focused on helping children in these situations, and working to prevent abuse. Our members are very passionate about making a difference which is demonstrated by their generous donation of money, time and talent," she continued.

To date, the Midwest Chapter of Hedge Funds Care, based in Chicago, has raised more than \$4.6 million and provided grants to 90 programs that meet the high standards needed to effect positive change. Hedge Funds Care works with select local agencies and programs that can best serve the needs of these children. Grants are made through a rigorous process to ensure that their funds have the highest impact possible.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual *Open Your Heart to the Children Benefit* also provides a wonderful opportunity to connect and build relationships with like-minded peers in the alternative investment community. Attendees will include leading hedge fund managers, investors, and service providers.

To purchase tickets, inquire about sponsorship opportunities or become a Corporate Benefactor, please visit [www.HedgeFundsCare.org](http://www.HedgeFundsCare.org) or contact Sarah Blaker at (212) 991-9600 Ext. 342.

**About Hedge Funds Care – Preventing and Treating Child Abuse:**

Established in 1998, the principal mission of Hedge Funds Care is to support efforts to prevent and treat child abuse. Through its regional and international fundraising events, Hedge Funds Care generally grants the funds raised at each event within the local region to organizations selected and evaluated on the basis of their ability to address child abuse. Funds are raised through annual *Open Your Heart to the Children Benefits* and other events in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago and the Twin Cities, Denver, New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cayman Islands, London, and Toronto and through personal donations. Money raised is distributed locally to community based nonprofit organizations.

To learn more, please visit [www.HedgeFundsCare.org](http://www.HedgeFundsCare.org)

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