



Inspired by Parents' Philanthropic Spirit, Ten of Portland's Young Professionals Organize Third Annual Charity Ball

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News Facts

- The third Annual Charity Ball PDX will consist of a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and dancing, Friday, December 22, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wonder Ballroom, 128 NE Russel St. Portland. Tickets are \$25 at the door.
- All proceeds from the event will benefit the YWCA of Greater Portland's YOLANDA HOUSE, SHELTER FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THEIR CHILDREN. YWCA will be tabling at the Wonder Ballroom. YWCA-PDX.org
- The event is planned by young professionals and targets young professionals. It is focused on creating awareness of the needs of a different non-profit each year, as well as raising funds and volunteers for the non-profit.
- This year's event planners are ten women, all 25-years-old or younger. They are natives of Portland and all have been involved in the community since high school.
- Charity Ball planners conceived the idea because of their mothers' commitment to community service throughout their childhood.
- Each year, event proceeds are donated to a different organization. A non-profit is chosen based on its level of need and the successful impact of its programs.
- Companies sponsoring the event include Gerding Edlen Development, The Harold and Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation, Debbie Thomas Real Estate, Dealers Supply, Soderberg Laman, Michael Stars, & Cosgrave Vergeer Kester LLP.
- In 2005, 300 people attended the event, raising \$14,000 for Mercy Corps.
- Organizers are hoping to raise \$20,000 this year, with more than 500 young professionals expected to attend.

"As life-long residents of the Portland area, we feel it is essential to give something back to the community. It seemed clear to us that the best way to do just that is through an event that brings together our friends and family during the holiday season. We want to set an example that Portland youth can make a difference." – Charity Ball Hosts

"It is especially gratifying to us that over our many years we have garnered tremendous support from individuals and businesses in the community. We truly appreciate that these young women are joining with others who make an investment in the work of the YWCA and the clients who receive our service." – YWCA Executive Director

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