



September 10, 2009

Dear Artist/Gallery Owner/Contributor,

On behalf of United Family Services, we invite you to participate in the **10<sup>th</sup> annual Art with Heart Auction**. Over the past nine years, Art with Heart has raised **\$634,000** for United Family Services. Last year alone, over 750 patrons attended the Art with Heart auction and raised \$143,000. This enabled the agency to serve 8,000 women and children in 2008.

Art with Heart will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, February 6 in a new location – **Founders Hall in uptown Charlotte** ([www.foundershall.com](http://www.foundershall.com)). This milestone event promises to be another huge success and we would be honored to have your participation. Once again, 100% of the proceeds from Art with Heart will be donated to United Family Services' domestic violence programs, including the Shelter for Battered Women. We anticipate presenting a greater variety of works of art to our patrons and showcasing an exciting new exhibit to commemorate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary featuring artwork from some of Charlotte's most notable citizens and celebrities.

As an artist and/or donor, you have two ways in which you can participate (additional donor benefits and can be found at [www.artwithheartauction.com](http://www.artwithheartauction.com)):

**1. Donate Artwork for the Auction as a Gallery Represented Artist**

All art will be auctioned during the course of the evening. While the majority of the art will be sold through a silent auction, approximately 20-30 pieces will be selected by a professional juror to be sold through the evening's exciting live auction along with works by this year's Featured Artists represented at Hiddell Brooks Gallery in Charlotte.

**2. Enter the Emerging Artists (EA) Juried Competition**

This aspect of the event is a juried competition held within the main event. Contest is open to all artists who do not have permanent representation in a commercial gallery. For more information about entering the Emerging Artist Competition and to download a copy of the EA donor form, please go to [www.artwithheartauction.com](http://www.artwithheartauction.com).

All donations **must be submitted by December 1, 2009**. Any artwork submitted after the deadline and/or not submitted in display quality format will not be eligible for inclusion in the printed program materials and will not be considered for the live auction. *Please note, unsold art will be held by Art with Heart for subsequent fundraising opportunities.*

For more information about the event and to download a copy of the donor form, please visit our website [www.artwithheartauction.com](http://www.artwithheartauction.com). We look forward to you joining us for this very special occasion and sharing your talent for a compassionate cause.

Sincerely,

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