



## **100 WOMEN IN HEDGE FUNDS' GENEVA GALA RAISES CHF 380,000 FOR COEURS POUR TOUS (HEARTS FOR ALL) ASSOCIATION**

### **GALIA VELIMUKHMETOVA HONOURED FOR HER EUROPEAN INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

### **BELINDA CARLISLE PERFORMS FOR GUESTS**

Geneva, Switzerland - November 25, 2011: 100 Women in Hedge Funds ("100WHF") held its 10th Anniversary Geneva Gala last night at the Grand Hotel Kempinski, raising CHF 380,000 for Coeurs Pour Tous (Hearts For All) Operation Vietnam Project. The evening, attended by 220 members and leaders across the European alternatives industry, was compered by Bloomberg TV anchor Maryam Nemazee and featured a performance from the international pop star Belinda Carlisle.

Since its formation in 2001, 100WHF has raised over \$24 million globally to support various charities in the fields of women's and family health, mentoring and education. This year, which marks the organization's 10th anniversary, 100WHF is focusing its charitable efforts on supporting women and family health initiatives. Coeurs Pour Tous offers life-saving operations and provides essential equipment and training for medical staff to treat children with cardiac diseases in developing countries.

Coeurs Pour Tous was established in 1998 in Switzerland by Professor Kalangos, the Chief of the Cardiovascular Department of the University Hospital of Geneva (HUG). Funds raised by 100 Women in Hedge Funds will be used to open a fully equipped clinic and provide training to the local medical team at the University Medical Centre Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam, which will allow the medical professionals at the hospital to treat complex cases and to save even more lives of disadvantaged young people around the world.

100WHF also honoured Galia Velimukhmetova, Portfolio Manager at GLG Partners, at the Gala on her 100 Women in Hedge Funds' 2011 European Industry Leadership Award, which was awarded in London last month. The award was given in recognition of Galia's professional talent and passion for investing.

Professor Afksendiyos Kalangos, commenting on the Gala, said, "I would like to sincerely thank 100 Women in Hedge Funds for organising this Gala evening, the proceeds of which will go towards the purchase of a modern echocardiography machine which will improve the diagnosis of cardiac disease. During these few months of collaboration, I have come to appreciate their commitment to the humanitarian cause and their sensitivity with respect to issues faced by these most vulnerable children."

Commenting on the Gala, Claire Smith, 100WHF London Board Champion for Switzerland, said: "It is 100WHF's philanthropic mission to leverage its collective abilities and expertise in order to give back to the community. On our 10th Anniversary we in Switzerland were delighted to partner with Coeurs Pour Tous to allow it to extend its work in Vietnam, which lacks specialist equipment to treat incidence of cardiac disease in children. We hope that

the funds raised at the Geneva Gala and other 100WHF fundraising events in Switzerland will contribute significantly to the success of this project and to the saving of many young lives."

To make a donation to the Coeurs Pour Tous Operation Vietnam Project, please contact the Geneva Philanthropy Committee at [phigen@100womeninhedgefunds.org](mailto:phigen@100womeninhedgefunds.org).

### Notes to Editors

#### **About 100 Women in Hedge Funds:** ([www.100womeninhedgefunds.org](http://www.100womeninhedgefunds.org))

100 Women in Hedge Funds is a global, practitioner-driven non-profit organization serving over 10,000 alternative investment management investors and professionals through educational, professional leverage and philanthropic initiatives. Formed in 2001, 100 Women in Hedge Funds has hosted more than 250 events globally, connected more than 250 senior women through Peer Advisory Groups and raised \$24 million for philanthropic causes in the areas of women's and family health, education and mentoring. For more information about 100 Women in Hedge Funds, please visit [www.100womeninhedgefunds.org](http://www.100womeninhedgefunds.org).

#### **About Coeurs Pour Tous:** ([www.coeurspourtous.ch](http://www.coeurspourtous.ch))

Coeurs Pour Tous was established in 1998 in Switzerland by Professor Kalangos, the Chief of the Cardiovascular Department of the University Hospital of Geneva (HUG). Since its creation, the association has saved the lives of thousands of children with cardiac diseases living in developing countries, performing surgery in hospitals desperately lacking adequate equipment and trained medical staff. It has also introduced life-saving heart institutes in Mozambique, Mauritius, Serbia and Lebanon and its next goal is expand its activities to Vietnam, using funds raised by 100 Women in Hedge Funds to open a fully equipped clinic and provide training to the local medical team in order to save yet more young and disadvantaged lives.

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