

# 7th Annual World Savvy Gala – Raising Funds to Address Global Education in Our Schools

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 24 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – On Thursday, September 24, 2009 the 7th Annual World Savvy Gala ([www.worldsavvy.org](http://www.worldsavvy.org)) will be held at the Hotel Kabuki. The Gala is World Savvy's premier event, raising funds and awareness to support the mission of the organization to educate and engage youth in community and world affairs, so that they are prepared to learn, work, and live as responsible citizens in the global community. The fundraiser brings together individuals as well as local and national business leaders who share the vision of a future generation of citizens with global competency skills and understanding.

The Gala features live and silent auctions and a dinner. Students and educators who have benefited from World Savvy programs are honored and share their experiences with the full range of programs and services World Savvy provides. One of the student speakers at the 2008 event shared the following with guests,

"Now as a senior in high school international current events play a large part of my daily life. Reading the news and keeping up on current affairs is important to me and I plan to major in international relations in college next year.... Before doing [the World Affairs Challenge, a World Savvy program] I honestly never realized how globalized our world is and how much different country's economies are intertwined with each other. This is the reason I want to major in international relations in college. Our world could not continue to function as it does now without support from other countries and I think that we could communicate and continue to try and work better together. I attribute all of these realizations and personal epiphanies to doing the [World Affairs Challenge]."

Last year, the Gala was attended by nearly 200 guests and raised \$70,000. This support enabled World Savvy to serve even more teachers and students this academic year – 6,000 students and 750 educators nationally – from its offices in San Francisco, New York, and Minneapolis-St. Paul. Students were engaged in learning about community and world affairs, and acquired 21st Century skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, and leadership through their participation in World Savvy programs. Teachers built their capacity to address community and world issues in the classroom.

The Gala also recognizes the support of World Savvy's work from the community with the Annual Champion of Global Citizenship Award. The award is presented to a community member that has made an outstanding contribution to global education in K-12 and enabled World Savvy's national growth. World Savvy encourages interested community members and media representatives to attend the event.

For information on sponsoring the event, purchasing tickets or donating to the live and silent auction, please visit [www.worldsavvy.org](http://www.worldsavvy.org) or contact Sarah Haldan at [sarah@worldsavvy.org](mailto:sarah@worldsavvy.org) or 415-292-7421.

### **About World Savvy**

World Savvy ([www.worldsavvy.org](http://www.worldsavvy.org)) is a global education nonprofit with the mission to educate and engage youth in community and world affairs, to prepare them to learn, work and live as responsible global citizens in the 21st century. Serving youth ages 10-18 and educators grades 6-12, World Savvy offers four core programs: Global Youth Media and Arts Program, World Affairs Challenge™, Global Educators Program, and World Savvy Monitor. Since its inception in 2002, World Savvy has grown from serving 100 youth and 25 teachers to serving more than 6,000 youth and 750 teachers in 2008-09, with offices in San Francisco, New York, and Minneapolis-St. Paul.

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