



**PARTIES OF YOUR CHOICE**  
The Power of Women, The Power of Change

Monday, March 9, 2009

New York City

## **“THE POWER OF WOMEN, THE POWER OF CHANGE” NEXT GENERATION PACKAGE**

In the Women’s Campaign Forum tradition of “building the pipeline” for women in politics, WCF opens the annual *Parties of Your Choice* Gala to the **Next Generation**.

### **Who are the Next Generation?**

The Next Generation is a dynamic group of women students/professionals between the ages of 21-35 who are committed to the goals of Women’s Campaign Forum. They are women we want to introduce to the incredible atmosphere and networking opportunities at the event. Next Generation applicants are seeking opportunities to increase their political involvement - either as future candidates themselves or as aspiring, influential donors to other women candidates.

### **Details About Next Generation Event Involvement**

The number of seats available to Next Generation applicants is based on the generosity of the donors at-large. Each donor has the ability to purchase not only a ticket for themselves but also a ticket that will cover the cost for a Next Generation attendee. In past years there have been up to 50 seats available to Next Generation applicants. Committed WCF donors see the Next Generation tickets as an opportunity to further WCF’s reach and foster relationships with motivated women who will be the future of the organization.

Each Next Generation attendee is asked to participate at the reception at Christie’s prior to attending her assigned party. During the reception, each Next Generation attendee will have an individual role with optimal opportunity for interaction with guests. Each role will be decided prior to the event. Participants are expected to arrive no later than 5PM.

After the reception, the Next Generation participants will make their way to one of the Parties of Your Choice. At the dinner each Next Generation attendee will have extraordinary opportunities to network with special guests, WCF donors, local and national political figures and celebrity chefs.

### **Important Dates**

Briefing Conference Call: Thursday, March 5 from 11:00AM to 11:30AM

Event: Monday, March 9, arrive at 5 PM, Cocktail reception from 6-7:30 PM (Christie’s, 49<sup>th</sup> St. between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>) followed by dinner from 8-10PM.

### **Dinner Benefits**

- Enjoy a meal prepared by a celebrity chef
- Unique opportunity to dine in a WCF’s home
- Mix and mingle with celebrity guests
- Opportunity to be the face of Next Generation at the selected dinner

### **Reception Volunteer Opportunities**

- VIP escort
- Greet guests
- Offer programs
- Direct guests



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**Event Logistics**

Date	Monday, March 9, 2009
Reception	6:00 - 7:30 PM – Cocktail Reception (Christie’s, 49 <sup>th</sup> St. between 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> )
Dinners	Dinner Parties to follow immediately after the reception (guests arrive between 7:30-8:00 PM) Priority seating is given to WCF Leadership Circle members, final party assignments are made the week prior to the event.
More Info	The full invitation, special guest and chef bios, and other vital information can be found at <a href="http://www.wcfonline.org/events">www.wcfonline.org/events</a> . Sarah Peterson can be reached at 202-393-8164 or <a href="mailto:sarah@wcfonline.org">sarah@wcfonline.org</a> with questions.

**About WCF**

A nonpartisan membership organization, Women’s Campaign Forum (WCF) is unique among women’s organizations. We recruit, train, launch and support pro-choice women to run for office beginning in their earliest days in politics. We also build a national network of women voters, donors and activist whose efforts and venture capital ensure women’s voices are heard.

Through our affiliated political action committee, WCF provides direct financial support to our endorsed candidates. And through our sister organization, WCF Foundation, we produce original research relevant to women in politics.

We are proud that our work bringing new pro-choice women into the political process and supporting them as they advance has created real impact—a growing network of elected and appointed women whose common cause is finding and effecting solutions to the country’s greatest challenges.

**What Parties of Your Choice Supports**

The Gala underwrites our work as a membership organization to **engage pro-choice women in politics** and has a very real effect on **building the pipeline of women candidates**. Thus, donations to the gala are not tax-deductible, nor do they go to any specific candidates.

These funds are also used to **mobilize and recruit new members** who provide direct financial support to candidates through our PAC and who are politically active, including volunteering on campaigns.

Here’s what some of our former Next Generation participants have to say:

- *I just wanted to take a moment to thank you again for allowing me to participate in last night's event. I had a truly fabulous time and was so glad to help such a fantastic organization in any way possible. – Liana Guzman*



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- *I just wanted to thank you again for the amazing opportunity. I had an incredible time last night and met many inspiring women. I'm really excited about all the great candidates running for office across the country; I'll make sure to follow the races!* – Jenna Hovel, Columbia University
- *Thank you and Ruth so much for extending me the invitation to last night's WCF event. The event was amazing and I feel truly invigorated and inspired. It was incredibly helpful having the opportunity to meet so many women and hear about their paths to leadership - because of last night I feel recommitted to championing women's leadership in all spheres and more actively in the politics. Thank you again for organizing such a powerful event, and for providing me with this incredible opportunity.* - Marguerite Crile, Teach for America
- *I just wanted to thank you for all of your work in putting together the WCF Dinner and for including me as a part of it. It was a really great experience and I appreciate being included. I loved hearing the speaker, meeting new people, and being a part of the dinner as well. It was a beautiful night!* – Sarah Halpern, Princeton undergrad

### **More About Women, Choice & Government Today**

- Women hold 17% of the seats in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress (20 years ago... in 1989 that number was 5%)
- Women hold 17% of the 100 seats of the Senate
- Women hold 17% of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives
- Of the 314 available statewide positions, 24% are held by women (20 years ago... in 1989 that number was 14%)
- We have 8 female Governors
- Women also represent 24% of state legislative seats across the country (20 years ago... in 1989 that number was 17%)
- Of the 100 largest US cities, 11 have female mayors