

Open books. Open doors

(This page refers to our 2007 gala that was held in March. Watch this space for information about our even more spectacular gala for 2008!)

What: 12th Annual Celebration Gala

Our salute to youth literacy and its enormous influence on our society's future will celebrate our children, mentors, community leaders and corporate partners through a remarkable evening of celebrity readings, award presentations and auctions. This annual fundraiser is a cornerstone in the financial framework that has made EW!DC the largest children's literacy and mentoring program in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Please join us in support of our efforts to reach out to underserved youth and transform their lives through the power of reading and the inspiration of caring mentors. Their future – our future – depends on our commitment to offer all children the tools necessary to fully and successfully participate in society.

When: Tuesday, March 6, 2007 – 6 PM to 9 PM

Where: The Capital Hilton, 16th & K Streets, NW, Washington DC

Event Schedule:

- **Chapter I: Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction**
 - Reception will include: Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres, Musical Entertainment and a Silent Auction
- **Chapter II: Seated Dinner & Program**
 - Program will include: Leadership Awards, The National Capital Literacy and Mentoring Award presented to a special guest and Recognition of supporters and other surprises
- **Chapter III: Dessert, Coffee & live auction**

Why: In Metropolitan Washington, as across the country, thousands of students leave schools barely literate. Everybody Wins! DC pairs students with mentors, stimulating a love of reading and self-esteem. Our goal is to serve every child who could benefit from our unique programs. We currently serve more than 3,000 Title I public elementary school children, but eager students remain on waiting lists to receive the one-on-one attention that EW!DC programs provide. Your generosity will help us continue our successful programs and expand to reach more children in need.

Students in Everybody Wins! DC programs show improved academic performance, more interest in school and better classroom behavior. Our programs enhance the regular curriculum by encouraging students to read for pleasure, providing Reading Mentors as positive role models and helping students build their personal libraries through our book distributions during the school year.