

You're Invited to A Night to Remember at Ravinia featuring the BoDeans* to benefit the YMCA Alliance

SATURDAY, June 13, 2009 Dinner 5:00-7:00p.m. Concert 7:30 -10:30 p.m. 418 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035 (847)-266-5100

Dear Family and Friends:

The economic downturn is hurting just about everyone, perhaps none more than Chicago-area residents who are poor, unemployed, unskilled and short on confidence and hope. They are in need of help more than ever.

The Y Alliance is proud to be hosting a rain or shine Fundraising event at Ravinia, which with your help and attendance will be a fun event that will help them do their important work. The Y-Alliance is the workforce-development arm of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago. Their programs offer adult education, literacy and vocational training; entrepreneurial skills development; job placement; and much more.

For more than 30 years, the Y Alliance has been highly successful in preparing individuals – many of whom are single mothers, former substance abusers and public-aid recipients – to participate fully in the workplace and secure full-time, living-wage employment.

* Don't worry about rain ruining the night, dinner/drinks will be served under a tent and seating is in the Pavilion. There will be a two hour open bar, which includes beer, wine and soda, appetizers, salad, light dinner and desserts. Limited tickets available all on first come first serve basis. Also, parking will be available to the first 15 cars that arrive at our home; we live just a couple of blocks from Ravinia.

Please join us, have 5 ½ hours of fun and support a wonderful cause. I hope to see you there.

Thank you,

Elliot Richardson

Ticket Price: \$100 per person - Which is a steal, individual pavilion seating goes for \$50.00 ea. (Checks paid in advance by June 5. Please make them payable to Y-Alliance)

Please RSVP no later than 5/20 to <u>srichardson@hrbattoneys.com</u> or call Sherri @ 847-804-0978.

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Frequently Asked Questions

WILL MY DONATION BE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?

Yes, the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago is a 501(c)3 organization. Donations can be deducted to the full extent of the law.

WHAT IS THE Y-ALLIANCE?

The Y-Alliance is the training and workforce development arm of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago. Our programs address adult education literacy, vocational training, entrepreneurial skills development, adult employment training and placement, transition from welfare to work, and youth employment training. The organization has more than a 30-year record of bringing unemployed, often welfare-dependent individuals into the work force and working an incredible transformation in their lives and those of their families.

WHAT DOES THE Y-ALLIANCE DO?

Many of our program candidates have inadequate education, limited skills and work experience, lack of access to public transportation, health concerns, domestic-violence issues and the need to care for young children. Any of these can create crippling employment barriers. The Y-Alliance provides basic skills training and social support for these individuals.

WHAT WILL BE OFFERED?

This fundraising event is FIVE AND A HALF HOURS OF FUN featuring: Two hour open bar (beer, wine and soda), appetizers, salad, light dinner and desserts. All food and beverages are served under a tent and seating for the concert is in the Pavilion, which makes this is a rain or shine event. FREE parking will be available to the first 15 cars that arrive at Elliot's house.

HOW CAN I PURCHASE A TICKET?

Contact Sherri at srichardson@hrbattorneys.com or call 847-804-0978 no later than May 20, 2009. Ticket price is \$100. per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance via a check made payable to **Y-Alliance** on or before June 5. Limited tickets available all on first come first serve basis.

WHY SHOULD I SUPPORT THE Y-ALLIANCE?

You'll be making an investment in the community and helping individuals achieve their potential. Building confidence and building futures are what the Y-Alliance is all about.