

All That Glitters is Definitely Gold at the 2008 Glitter Ball

The North Shore Board of the Northwestern University Settlement House held its annual benefit gala and auction, the Glitter Ball on Saturday, November 1st at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago. The Board raises money each year to make the dream of summer camp a reality for low-income, inner-city children from the West Town and Humbolt Park communities of Chicago. Over 400 of Chicago's most influential business and community leaders attended the sold-out gala.

The Ballroom at the Four Seasons provided a gilded backdrop for the evening, which included a gourmet dinner prepared by the Four Seasons chef and dancing to the music of the Indigo Orchestra. Board President Michelle Jameson greeted guests as they began to dine and thanked them for their support of this very worthy cause. Chicago's own Ron Magers of ABC 7 News hosted the live auction for the thirteenth-straight year.

Featured speaker, Naketa S. Jones gave a moving account of her days at the Settlement House and House-In-The-Wood camp and credited the experience with transforming her life. She now devotes her life to working with youth and adults as a staff member of the Settlement House, where she is secretary of the Head Start program and director of the LIT (Leaders-In-Training) program for House-In-The-Wood camp.

Benefit co-chairs were Mimi Harris of Winnetka and Amy Rowe and Lib Williams, both of Kenilworth. Corporate sponsors included OptionsHouse Powered by PEAK6 Investments, LP; Illinois Tool Works, Inc. and the Mills Family Charitable Foundation.

