



Donna Karan, Anderson Cooper, Kathy Eldon, Isaac Mizrahi, Bebel Gilberto and Iman Among Honorees and Presenters at the Fifth Annual Wayuu Taya Foundation Fundraising Gala in NYC.

New York, NY April 30, 2008:- Creative Visions Foundation founder Kathy Eldon will be among a group of illustrious honorees at the fifth annual **Wayuu Taya Foundation** fundraising gala - in New York City at **The Bowery Hotel** on June 5, 2008. The nonprofit organization founded in 2002 by actress, model and UNESCO Artist for Peace **Patricia Velasquez**, raises funds for Latin American indigenous communities. The Foundation focuses its attention on those that are most at risk – women and children.

Since its inception, the Foundation has helped save the lives of hundreds of children, and has created a self-sustainable program focused on improving the lives of women through education and earning capabilities. In 2005, the Foundation inaugurated its first **Roof Project Center**; a centrally located network of facilities aimed at improving nutrition, education, and health care for the poorest and most ignored indigenous communities.

The Foundation also reaches out to educational and healthcare facilities outside its Roof Project Center. In late 2006 continuing through 2007, the Foundation was instrumental in creating classrooms and assisting local clinics in their reach and operation.

The intimate event will honor a group of humanitarians who have contributed to the welfare of our global community. In honor of the Foundation's fifth year anniversary, this year's honorees include 5 incredible women: iconic fashion designer and founder of the Urban Zen Project **Donna Karan**, supermodel **Iman**, philanthropist **Dany Garcia**, Creative Vision's Founder **Kathy Eldon**, and world renowned singer **Bebel Gilberto**. Presenters will include CNN anchor **Anderson Cooper**, designers **Isaac Mizrahi** and **Narciso Rodriguez** and actor **Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson**. The emcee will be former Fox News and MSNBC host and NY Times bestselling author **Rita Cosby**, and **Russell Simmons** will deliver

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“special remarks” during the event.

They will join past honorees that include **Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Rachel Weisz, Russell Simmons, Wilmer Valderrama, Eileen Ford, and Carolina Herrera.**

A special performance by multi Grammy nominated Brazilian singer and honoree **Bebel Gilberto** will provide the evening's entertainment. The evening will open with a heart-stopping flamenco performance by internationally acclaimed dancer **Rafael Amargo.**

“In just a few short years, we have been able to make a real difference to the lives of so many women and children in one of the poorest areas of the earth. I am confident that this year's gala event will raise enough funds for us to continue and expand our vitally important projects,” says founder, Patricia Velasquez.

The Wayuu Taya Foundation was created in order to help improve the lives of Latin-American indigenous people while maintaining and respecting their traditions, culture and beliefs. The Foundation began its operations in an area that borders Venezuela and Colombia — where it has concentrated its efforts in assisting the Wayúu, an indigenous group comprised of over 700,000 people.

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