



## PRESS RELEASE

### The Shield of Athena's 17th Annual Art Auction

**October 26, 2010**, the Shield of Athena was pleased to present their program for the **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Auction**, this morning at **Montreal City Hall** at a **press conference** that **outlined** the organization's ongoing involvement with and aide to, women and children, victims of family violence.

This year's auction includes a special tribute to **John and Linda Ciolfi** from **Suzy Shier**, loyal and long-standing supporters of the Shield of Athena. **Sophie Grégoire Trudeau**, honorary chairperson of the event, said with regards to this: ***"Suzy Shier is an excellent model for the rest of the fashion industry on how they can directly assist victims of abuse through ongoing donations of new clothing that fosters a greater self esteem in women and children"***

In addition, works done by children who have been exposed to domestic violence will also be displayed at this year's auction. An integral part of the Shield's child art therapy program, these pieces are a heartrending, artistic testimony to the sad and frightful reality of the children who have stayed at the shelter or received services at the centers.

This outstanding, multicultural art event will take place on **Sunday, November 7, 2010** at **Marché Bonsecours** with the participation of 32 local and international artists in support of our important cause. (Tickets are \$50.00 – with a tax receipt for \$20.00) There will be a cocktail before the main event as well as a silent auction, and a wonderful door prize. Most importantly, ***"The Art Auction is an excellent occasion for all Montrealers to show their support for the Shield of Athena's mission"*** said **Mary Deros, Executive Committee Member** (In charge of Multi cultural relations) for the City of Montréal.

Founded in 1991, the Shield of Athena Family Services is a non-profit community organization with an extensive network of services which includes: a Montreal and Laval office, a shelter for women and children victims of violence, and a multilingual public awareness and community outreach program.

To purchase tickets, please contact Polly Tsonis at (514) 274-8117 or email at [bouclierdathena@bellnet.ca](mailto:bouclierdathena@bellnet.ca) **Tickets are also available at the door the day of the event**

**Sponsors to date: Planète Mobile, Suzy Shier, Sir Winston Churchill Pub, Tom and Gwen Nacos, Bâton Rouge, Victoria Park, City of Montreal, Elounda, Immigration et Communautés culturelles Quebec, Pearl Eliadis, Paul Kamateros C.A, Kounadis Perreault Avocat, Madisons New York Grill & Bar, Omnitrans, Philoptochos Chapters, Ste Rose-Honda, Tzanet Odyssey Group, Urgel Bourgie**

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