

The Echo Foundation

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Tickets Now on Sale for Elie Wiesel's Return to Charlotte September 21 and Charlotte Premiere of Echo's Documentary Film, *In the Footsteps of Elie Wiesel*

*Noted Community Philanthropists Leon and Sandra Levine to Receive
2010 Echo Award Against Indifference*

Charlotte, N.C. (Aug. 26, 2010) – Tickets are now on sale for [The Echo Foundation](#) September 21, 2010 event, *A Night To Remember*, featuring the Charlotte premiere of Echo's documentary film, [In the Footsteps of Elie Wiesel](#). The film chronicles the journey of 12 Charlotte-Mecklenburg high school students as they trace life experiences and formative environments of 1986 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel.

Tickets (\$65) may be purchased by calling the North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center box office at 704.372.1000 or online at www.carolinatix.org. The event will be held at the Knight Theater located at 430 South Tryon Street on September 21, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. Seating begins at 5:30 p.m.

Produced by Indievision in association with Emulsion Arts, the documentary features an introduction by Richard Gere, music by Cantor Joseph Malovany and original score by Fred Story. Following the film, Professor Wiesel will be joined by Echo Student Ambassadors in an on-stage dialogue. Sandra and Leon Levine will also be honored as recipients of the 2010 Echo Award *Against Indifference*.

Patrons' Ticket Packages are available for \$3,000 per package, which includes 10 film premiere/dialogue tickets, program recognition and attendance at a post-premiere private reception at the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, honoring Professor Wiesel and Award Recipients Sandra and Leon Levine. Individual Patron Tickets may also be purchased for \$250. All patrons will receive preferred seating at the film premiere. To purchase Patron Tickets or the Patrons' Package, email CharlotteEchoes@aol.com or call 704.347.3844.

Leading community philanthropists, Leon and Sandra Levine, will be honored with the 13th annual *Echo Award Against Indifference*. Retired Chairman and CEO of Bank of America and the 2005 *Echo Award Against Indifference* recipient, Hugh McColl, Jr., will present the award to Sandra and Leon Levine.

“Sandra and Leon Levine are the embodiment of the American dream,” said Stephanie Ansaldo, president and founder of The Echo Foundation. “Having worked to build a business and achieve success, they demonstrate a profound moral responsibility by investing that success to improve the lives of others. Leveraging their stature and resources, they serve as catalysts for community development and advocates for those in need.”

Leon and Sandra Levine are the living example of Echo ideals, consistently demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to the community. They have a longstanding reputation for leadership in the Charlotte region. With a powerful combination of business acumen, compassion and responsibility, the Levines have been a driving force behind the development of medical, religious, educational and arts infrastructures across the community. Among the many institutions that bear their name are the Levine Children’s Hospital, Levine and Dickson Hospice House, Shalom Park, UNC Charlotte, Levine Museum of the New South, Levine Center for the Arts, Queens University, and Central Piedmont Community College. In the wake of the financial downturn, the Levines helped launch the Critical Need Response Fund, a crucial source of support for those in need.

About The Echo Award Against Indifference

The *Echo Award Against Indifference* was established to honor a member of the Mecklenburg County community who works “... *with an eye towards peace, a heart filled with compassion and a voice against indifference, in order to remind our community of its highest ideals.*” Previous recipients include the late Joe Martin, Bishop George E. Battle Jr., the late Sister Mary Thomas Burke, former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt, former UNC Charlotte Chancellor Dean Colvard, former Bank of America Chairman Hugh McColl, Jr., developer Howard C. “Smoky” Bissell, community volunteer Sally Dalton Robinson, business and civic leaders, Alan and Stuart Dickson, and the civil rights law firm Ferguson Stein Chambers Gresham & Sumter.

About The Echo Foundation

The Echo Foundation was founded in 1997 to carry on the message Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel brought to Charlotte that year – a call to action for human dignity, justice and moral courage. The Echo Foundation brings to Charlotte speakers and programs that illustrate how one person can make a difference for humanity through its *Voices Against Indifference Initiative*.

Previous Echo speakers include Partners in Health co-founder Paul Farmer, Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel, Rwandan Bishop John Rucyahana, African policy expert John Prendergast, Doctors Without Borders founder and French Minister of Foreign Affairs Bernard Kouchner, Harvard African and African-American Studies Department Chairman Henry Louis Gates Jr., Columbia Earth Institute Director Jeffrey Sachs, Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka, human rights advocate Kerry Kennedy, and Chinese dissident Harry Wu. For more information about The Echo Foundation, visit www.echofoundation.org.

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