

Leaders in Conservation Young Conservationists Jazzed

In an effort to engage young urban professionals in conservation issues in Ontario, two of NCC Ontario's passionate and enthusiastic supporters, Janet Williams and Michael Hunter, volunteered their time and financial support as hosts for an after-work cocktail reception at Goodmans Law Firm on the 9th of November 2006. While snacking on fusion catered food and sipping gin martinis or Pelee Island Winery rosé, guests were able to enjoy a scenic view of the Toronto skyline against the backdrop of Lake Ontario from the comfortable yet funky lounge of the office tower.

The energetic host couple delivered inspiring speeches about their personal commitment to NCC's work to a crowd of roughly 70 people who also hung on every word of celebrity NCC spokesperson Albert Schultz during his passionate and articulate keynote address.



Janet Williams and Michael Hunter engage the audience during their speech about local conservation issues as a global concern, with the aid of a basketball; photo by NCC.

Some lucky guests left the event with door prizes, which included a pair of his and hers nature-themed underwear, and all took home loot bags full of Pelee Winery, Yves Rocher, and Solitudes goodies. Guests were able to find out more about the important work of NCC through a well-stocked information table where three laptops were on hand for this web-savvy crowd. Gauging by the mingling, the action at the info tables, and the absolutely focussed audience during the speeches, all in attendance were, as commented by NCC Ontario Board member Martin Abell, "jazzed" by the end of the evening.

To find out more about how you can join the *Leaders in Conservation* program, please contact Julie Francis at 1-800-465-0029 ext. 263 or julie.francis@natureconservancy.ca.

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