

## Moroccan Hefla to Raise Funds for Fruit Tree Planting in Rural Morocco

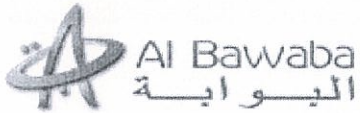
New York, NY: The Board of Directors of the High Atlas Foundation (HAF) will host its fifth annual New York City reception "C a Moroccan hefla "C on the evening of Friday, November 6th (7pm-10pm) at the American Institute of Architects New York.

Approximately 150 guests, including Moroccan expatriates, returned Peace Corps Volunteers, politicians, business leaders, and academicians, will take part in the evening's festivities that include Moroccan hors d'oeuvres, a traditional tea pouring ceremony, henna artists, and music.

The event will raise funds for fruit tree planting with rural Moroccan communities, including 20,000 walnut and cherry tree saplings for the Kate Jeans-Gail Tree Nursery Memorial. Since 2003, HAF has planted nearly 150,000 fruit trees, benefitting 20,000 rural people, with the goal of planting one million trees throughout Morocco. Individual tickets are being sold for \$100, \$75, and \$50 "C \$1 plants one sapling in a community tree nursery. Tickets can be purchased at <http://moroccanhefla.eventbrite.com>.



Honorary Event Chairs include H.R.H. Princess Lalla Meryem iñ Aicha Afifi, Former Deputy Chief of Mission of the Moroccan Embassy, Washington DC iñ Carol Bellamy, Former Director of Peace Corps iñ John Entelis, PhD, Director of the Middle East Studies Program, Fordham University iñ Madison Jones, Former Director of Peace Corps Morocco iñ Ambassador Samuel L. Kaplan, US Ambassador to Morocco and Mrs. Sylvia C. Kaplan iñ Mohamed Karmoune, Consul General for the Consulate of the Kingdom of Morocco in New York iñ James Miller, PhD, President of the American Institute of Maghrib Studies iñ Darcy Neill, Former Director of Peace Corps Morocco iñ Jody Olsen, PhD, Former Deputy Director of Peace Corps iñ Driss Ouaouicha, PhD,



President of Al Akhawayn University in Kevin Quigley, PhD, President of the National Peace Corps Association in Tim Resch, President of Friends of Morocco in Ambassador Frederick Vreeland, Former US Ambassador to Morocco.

This event is sponsored by the Association of Moroccan Professionals in America (AMPA) in Caf' Medina in Green Sahara Furniture in Jeanne Beatrice in Moroccan Prestige in Riverview Restaurant & Lounge in SigEp in Simon Russell Photography in Sintir.

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