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Singer Sarah McLachlan flanked by artists Brent Comber and Athena Bax at the Unite with Art benefit.



Telus execs Tony Geheran and Peter Green, with their wives, Lindsay and Susan, respectively, at Face the World.



Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, philanthropist Alexandra Diez Barroso and Telus director Kenn Hamlin.



Winsor Gallery owner Jennifer Winsor and UBC Associate Dean of Dentistry Dr. Christopher Zed at Unite with Art.

## Vancouver's high on philanthropy

Face the World; plus Unite with Art



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and Alex Gusola; Bruce and Ginny Orr; Kip Woodward; Garry and Lis Zlotnik; Paul Fletcher and Maria Pinelli; and Elise and Richard Rees

The event raised \$1.5-million for local charities.

"It is only through donations that Face the World is able to contribute to so many worthwhile charities," Cohen said. "Thanks to the grace and generosity of our many 'angels,' we will continue to change the lives of people in our community who need it most."

The third annual Unite with Art Auction Gala was a spectacular evening of art and advocacy, chaired by philanthropist and Mindset Media co-founder and executive director Alison Lawton. A capacity crowd packed into Maynards Fine Art and Antiques for the UNICEF Canada benefit, which was emceed by former *Corner Gas* star Tara Spencer-Nairn. Lawton kicked things off by pledging \$100,000 and rallying four others, at \$25,000 each, to match her donation.

Among the artworks up for auction was Gabryel Harrison's Braille work, *Open Your Heart*, which fetched \$14,000, contributing to the record \$460,000 raised to assist UNICEF's Unite for Children, Unite against AIDS campaign.

Among the art enthusiasts in attendance were Gerald Hartwig, Stephen Carruthers, Dr. Julio Montaner; Treana Peake, Russell Hollingsworth; Douglas Reynolds, Jennifer Winsor; Walter Pela; Angus Reid; and singers Sarah McLachlan and Ali Milner.

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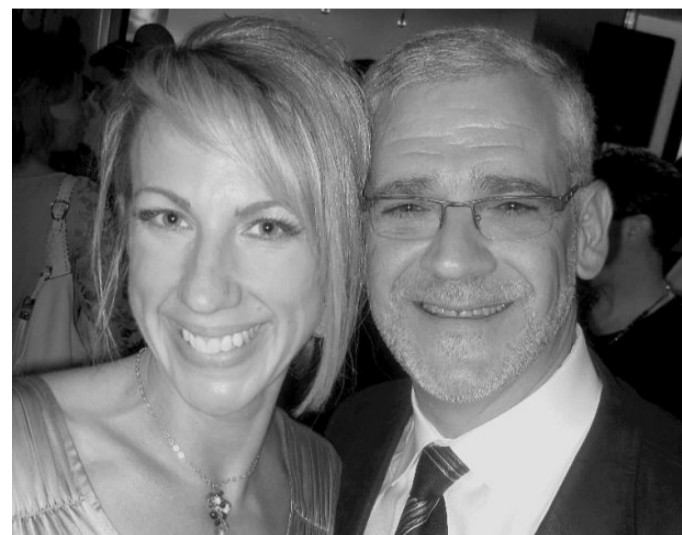
Canaccord Capital's Vandana Varshney, pianist Michael Kaeshammer and Charmaine Crooks at Face the World.



Northwest Coast Native Art gallery owner Douglas Reynold and designer Corrine Hunt raise a glass for Unite with Art.



Kasondra Cohen and her mom, Jacqui Cohen, welcomed Nickleback's Chad Kroeger to their Face the World soiree.



Event planner Pamela Smith with B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS director Dr. Julio Montaner.



Event chair Alison Lawton with Gabryel Harrison whose Braille painting fetched \$14,000 for Unite with Art.



At the Unite with Art UNICEF benefit for children affected by HIV/AIDS: artist and contributor Athena Bax; singer/songwriter Sarah McLachlan; and Unite with Art co-founder Julie Lee. At Jacqui Cohen's Face the World fundraiser for local charities: designer Janelle Washington and Face the World Foundation director Christie King.