



# The AWC Hearts & Minds Gala 2012

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**Saturday, May 12th**  
Reception: 18:15-19:30  
Gala: 19:45-00:30

**Hilton The Hague**  
Mesdag Ballroom  
Zeesraaf 35

**Proceeds to benefit:**  
Lighthouse Special Education  
& Stichting Papageno

- **Gala plus Reception: €125**  
**AWC Members: €95**  
*(Reception Only: €10)*
- **Valet Parking: €5**
- **Cocktails & Canapes**
- **3-Course Gourmet Meal**
- **Live Music by legendary**  
**van Hoytemaband**
- **Silent & Live Auction led**  
**by Pieter Gerrit-Binkhorst**
- **Evening Attire**

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## Meet our 2012 Gala Beneficiaries:



### Lighthouse SPECIAL EDUCATION

Using a special education program developed in English and offering a highly individualized curriculum, **Lighthouse Special Education** offers a chance for children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) to reach their full potential and be part of the community. Students who are able are supported through integrated mainstream education.

Though the city of The Hague has put a building at the disposal of **Lighthouse SE**, the school receives very little funding. Currently, their biggest need is for sensory-development gymnasium equipment and a student and professional library. Though the emphasis of the children's education lies in individual instruction and working in small groups, physical interaction and mental stimulation form an important part of their development.

To learn more, visit: [www.lighthouse.nl](http://www.lighthouse.nl). Email: [info@hsvdenhaag.nl](mailto:info@hsvdenhaag.nl)  
To arrange a visit, please contact the school in advance: +31 (0)70 33 55 698



STICHTING  
PAPAGENO

Stichting Papageno (the Papageno Foundation) was established 14-years ago by Jaap and Aaltje van Zweden to fill a need in assisting children with autism to connect to others through creativity. Using the arts, with a particular emphasis on music, **Stichting Papageno's** numerous projects and activities help lift autistic children out of their isolation. Equally importantly, they illuminate their true potential. **Stichting Papageno's** aim has since evolved to include children, adolescents, and young adults with autism and autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

**Papageno** works closely with schools, research facilities, art organizations, and care facilities. Their current project is *Papageno Huis* (Papageno House), a residence and job training center planned for autistic young adults. **Stichting Papageno** receives no government funding and is a nonprofit organization. Financing these projects and programs is only possible through fundraising, contributions from sponsors, and donations.

To learn more, visit: [www.stichtingpapageno.nl](http://www.stichtingpapageno.nl)

## Getting to Know The AWC

### A Home Away From Home

For nearly a century, The American Women's Club of The Hague (AWC) has provided a home away from home for many Americans and other expatriates alike. Our members work hard to provide a comfortable, inviting clubhouse and organize numerous activities, tours, classes, lectures, and fundraising events during the year.



Visit us at [www.awcthehague.org](http://www.awcthehague.org)

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## To Serve and Support

As a founding member of FAWCO, the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas, the AWC is an all volunteer nonprofit organization. FAWCO is a United Nations accredited NGO (Non-Governmental Organization), providing us with an enormous wealth of resources. Our primary goal is to serve as a support network for American women living and working in The Netherlands. Additionally, the AWC helps its members integrate harmoniously into the local community and meaningfully contribute to our host country through volunteerism.

This being so, from 2002 - 2008 our club organized the Pink Gala. Through the work of our dedicated volunteers, **the AWC raised more than € 1,000,000 to support breast cancer awareness and research in the Netherlands**. In 2011, we launched our first initiative to increase awareness and resources for autism and **raised € 50,000 for local autism organizations**.



The American Women's Club is a registered ANBI (Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling). Gifts and periodic gifts are therefore tax deductible. For details, visit:

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