

SHARON DAVIS TO RECEIVE ACTIVE CITIZENS AWARD AT THE 2010 WOMEN FOR WOMEN INTERNATIONAL GALA

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Founder and President of Sharon Davis Design, located in the West Village, Manhattan, Sharon Davis has been selected as the *2010 Active Citizens Honoree* by the global NGO, Women for Women International (WFWI). She will be honored at WFWI's upcoming Gala on November 9th, along with Mary J. Blige, the event's *2010 Champion of Peace Honoree*.

Since 2008, Sharon has worked closely with WFWI's leaders and her design team of award-winning architects, to design a Women's Opportunity Center in Kayonza, Rwanda with construction projected to begin this fall.

The center is designed as a gathering haven and learning space for women who are victims of violence and genocide. Here, women can forge a new sense of community and identity through the design's emphasis on open air space and sustainable methods, including leaf-shaped roofs for rainwater collection as a natural water supply, biodiesel fuel for cooking, and composting to promote sustainable, integrated farming techniques. The central component of the program is job-training and local commerce development. Each year 300 women will learn how to make bricks for the center, encouraging the space to evolve as something that is their own.

Sharon and her team also envisioned an innovative concept for circular classrooms, inspired by the reed woven huts once native to the country. Circular learning promises an inwardly focused environment for intimate gathering and relationship building.

Sharon is a LEED accredited professional, holding her Masters in Architecture from Columbia University, where she received the Lucille Smyser Lowenfish Memorial Prize. She is currently a member of the American Institute for Architects and serves on the Board of Directors for the Van Alen Institute for Public Architecture.

For more on Sharon's studio and the Gala:
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<http://www.womenforwomen.org/events-supporting-women/women-for-women-us-gala.php>

