

## Art for Life: Children and Dreams Charity Exhibit

Opening Reception: June 12, 2012; 6-8pm

Andy Warhol meets Michelle Obama and the Street Children of Ecuador. Join us for this exclusive charity art exhibition at the chashama Gallery in New York City, featuring pieces by Andy Warhol, paintings by Ecuadorian artist Luis Salazar and photographs by Swiss photographer Fabrizio Chiesa.

Salazar's works feature bold use of texture and color and are richly symbolic with religious, spiritual, and urban metaphors. He has produced 65 paintings exclusively for the Art for Life Collection. Among his most recent paintings is a striking painting of Michelle Obama in the style of Gustav Klimt, inspired by her advocacy for children's health and nutrition.

Chiesa's black and white photographs of street children in Quito and Ibarra were inspired by a mobile school project which allows children to have access to books and after school activities. His work was a personal contribution to Palms For Life.

For this event, five exclusive Andy Warhol pieces have been generously loaned from the collection at the Josée Bienvenu Gallery, New York. These drawings, screen prints and sketches feature whimsical images of children, and the inclusion of one of his earliest prints of a colorful sunset is something not to be missed.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Palms for Life Fund, and will go towards supporting social investment projects around the world. Palms for Life Fund is a registered 501c3 charity with a mission to provide food, water, and education from a principle of protecting basic human rights.

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