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Teen Writers To Cook Up Creativity at Year-End Fundraiser
Write On! Campaign Delivers Personalized Writing From WriteGirl Teens

LOS ANGELES — They could whip up a special song for your poodle, or maybe a heartwarming haiku for your grandma. The teen writers of WriteGirl will be serving up made-to-order poems, songs and letters on Saturday, June 8, at Sharky's in Beverly Hills as part of their 2013 Write On! Campaign. For a donation, WriteGirl teens will serve up a sample of their own creative writing and for donations of more than \$100, a WriteGirl teen will craft a personalized piece.

"You never know what our young writers might come up with!" said Keren Taylor, executive director of WriteGirl. "You might get a poem inspired by a new dish on the menu at Sharky's, or you might get a powerful description of what it feels like to fall in love. It feels a bit like magic to have a writer put their creative ideas on the page, right on the spot. We're so glad Sharky's is partnering with us for this 2013 Write On! Campaign event – it's the perfect location to eat a delicious lunch and get inspired!"

The fundraiser caps off an incredible year of writing workshops ranging from journalism and memoir writing to poetry and songwriting. The Write On! Campaign is a fun way for the teens to showcase their creative writing talents for their supporters.

"We are excited about giving people the opportunity to request a personalized piece of writing from one of our teen writers," Taylor said. "We have done this kind of 'custom writing' before, and it is enormously fun both for the girls doing the writing as well as for the recipient."

Throughout the past 12 years, WriteGirl has successfully guided **100% of participating seniors to not only graduate from high school but also enroll in college, many on full or partial scholarships.** This past fall, WriteGirl teens headed to Harvard, CSU

Fullerton, UCLA, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Grinnell, Macalester, Azusa Pacific University, and CSU Channel Islands, just to name a few.

More than 300 girls participate in WriteGirl annually — an enormous increase from WriteGirl's initial group of 30 at its inception in 2001. Over the past decade, WriteGirl's success can be measured by the achievements of its alumnae who continue to study, work and contribute their unique voices around the world.

2013 Write On! Campaign Event

Saturday June 8, 2013
11:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Sharky's Restaurant
435 N Beverly Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

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About WriteGirl (www.writegirl.org)

WriteGirl is a creative writing and mentoring program for at-risk girls in Los Angeles. WriteGirl pairs professional women writers with teen girls for weekly one-on-one mentoring, monthly full-day creative writing workshops, public readings and publishing opportunities. Through its Bold Futures program, WriteGirl provides college and job preparedness skills building, individual guidance through the college application process and leadership development opportunities.

WriteGirl also brings workshops to schools in Los Angeles County serving critically at-risk teens, including incarcerated teens in Santa Clarita at the Road to Success Academy. WriteGirl is a project of nonprofit organization Community Partners. WriteGirl was honored as the 2010-2011 California Nonprofit of the Year.

WriteGirl publications, available nationwide, online and at local bookstores, have collectively won 55 national and international book awards.

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