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Dhonna Goodale has made community service her life's work. Although her and her husband's fund-raising has been used in programs around the world, most of their efforts are focused in the Riverhead area, where the Goodales award scholarships to the members of the Riverhead Supply Choir (named after Bobby Goodale's

business). Dhonna credits her husband for being her "earthbound angel" and he credits his wife. "It's really her doing," he says. "My job is to be supportive so she can make a difference in children's lives.

From donating \$1million dollars to Peconic Bay Medical Center, to funding major programs for the Ecumenical Missionaries in Elizabeth, New Jersey, to giving over 150 student scholarships; as well as sponsoring and chairing such major events as the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverhead Blues and Music Festival, 2008 Good Earth Gala; and The International Black Film Festival Special screening of *Pride*, starring the late Bernie Mack.

The Goodales newest fund-raiser is very up close and personal for Dhonna and Bobby : The Tara L. Steven Memorial Scholarship Fund. At the age of 25 and the mother of two, Dhonna's sister Tara, was just short of obtaining her nursing degree, when her life tragically ended.

The Tara L. Steven scholarships will be given to individuals who, despite their circumstances, have managed to persevere and thrive. The message is to educate young women and men that abuse is not a one-time occurrence. It often leads to hospital visits, life-threatening injuries and even worse, death.

"An Affair to Remember" was their annual summer event, and the winter event "Annual Movers & Shakers Holiday Party" will take place on January 16, 2010.

THE GOODALES are on the front lines' of social change for good by "being there" as well as by opening up their checkbooks to help fund results. Dhonna says "This is not at all about tax deductions; in fact a lot of the costs are not tax deductible. But I believe when much is given much is required."

