



Dear Members & Friends,

AMPA held a press Conference on December 23, 2008 at the CSSF (Comite de Soutien a la Scolarisation des Filles rurales) office in Rabat. The proceeds of our New York Gala were presented to the CSSF President Ms. Aicha Khidani. Three young girls also represented the association; two of them are currently benefiting from the program, and the third is a college student who graduated thanks to CSSF.

**Ms. Khidani** thanked all the Media and partners present. She also expressed her gratitude to AMPA for raising money and awareness on rural education.

The US Ambassador **Mr. Riley** said that both him and his wife are personally involved in Girls' education although it "*faces big challenges*". He commended CSSF for their work that "*goes beyond providing a foyer, but also hope to these young girls*". He also congratulated AMPA and its members for their initiatives and involvement in Morocco.

AMPA President, **Hicham Kabbaj**, thanked and congratulated CSSF team for their tremendous work with these young girls; he also emphasized and thanked AMPA members' involvement in Moroccan education.

**Bouchra Adyel** then presented the **\$11,371.78** check along with the laptops donated by **Sefrioui-Badissy** foundation to CSSF.

This was a great exposure to both AMPA and CSSF in the Moroccan Media. We will post all articles on our website under "Press". The Press Conference was also on 2M Nightly news (French& Arabic): <http://www.2m.tv/video/?id=2189> (12th Minute)

Below are some of the pictures from the event.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** If you are an AMPA Member who lives in Morocco, please email [events@amp-usa.org](mailto:events@amp-usa.org) to be added to our Morocco List. We will have more events and announcements pertaining to our members in Morocco in the coming year.

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## About AMPA

The Association of Moroccan Professionals in America (AMPA) is a non-profit organization established to promote networking between Moroccan professionals, transatlantic business opportunities, career development and community service. For more about AMPA, visit [www.amp-usa.org](http://www.amp-usa.org).

(Left to right) *US Ambassador in Morocco Mr. Riley, CSSF President Aicha Khidani, Ambassador's wife Mrs. Riley, AMPA President Hicham Kabbaj, AMPA VP Communications Bouchra Adyel*



(Left to right) **Bouchra Adyel, CSSF**  
 Beneficiaries **Khadija Kourchi, Fouzia Hilali, Hasnae El Afrani** holding the 10/25/08 NYC Gala Check



**Khadija Kourchi** (holding the laptop) graduated thanks to CSSF and is now in College. She wants to be a Social Worker and give back to her community.



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