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ROOM TO GROW CHARITY AUCTION

## STARS BID TO HELP KIDS

UMA THURMAN AND ETHAN HAWKE HOST A CHARITY AUCTION

UMA THURMAN WAS WORKING LIKE A dog at the Room to Grow Charity Auction, which she cochaired with her husband, Ethan Hawke, on October 11 in New York. The actress took to barking in front of a crowd of more than 250 people, including Hawke, director Quentin Tarantino and actress Natasha Richardson, in an attempt to sell a print by William Wegman of one of his Weimar-ners posed on a rock. It was among the 92 pieces donated by more than 75 photographers to raise money for the group, which aids poor preschoolers in New York. Hawke ponied up \$2,800 for "View From My Window," by Richard Misrach, while Tarantino spent \$5,000 for the only non-art item up for sale: a walk-on part on NBC's *Frasier*, donated by actress Peri Gilpin (Roz). "I had friends that were involved," Tarantino told *Us weekly*. "So I put my hat in the ring." Thurman, who ultimately helped raise more than \$250,000, exclaimed to the bidders: "Eat your heart out, Vanna White."

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UMA THURMAN: JIMMY KIMMEL

**THE THINKER:** Thurman was joined by Tarantino and Hawke at Christie's auction house in Rockefeller Center, New York, on October 11.