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