



# Can't Stop the Serenity Seattle 2009

Millions of women and girls around the world are victims of oppression and violence every day. Even here in the United States, the physical and emotional toll is immense.

We aim to stop it.

Can't Stop the Serenity is a global event dedicated to raising funds to support Equality Now's campaign to end this horrific cycle of violence and discrimination. Meryl Streep, Marisa Tomei, and Joss Whedon are just a few of the major supporters and benefactors of Equality Now. To support Equality Now, Whedon's fans started Can't Stop the Serenity, a worldwide screening of the film *Serenity*, based on his TV series *Firefly*.

The Seattle screening of *Serenity* for CSTS has been incredibly successful over the past three years, and we look to continue that trend. The crew assembled to manage this year's event is made up of veterans, all dedicated to ensuring another successful fund-raiser. Over the past three years, we have raised more than \$10,000 for Equality Now locally, with the global fund raising nearly \$300,000. Each year, our attendance has increased, joining those in nearly 50 cities around the world dedicated to the cause.

We must continue this success, and your generous support will help. Even though the world economy is presently strained, think about the citizens around the globe who are always fighting for their very safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration. With your partnership, we can stem the tide of violence and oppression and build a stronger future for those in desperate need.

Sincerely,

Andrea Howe  
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