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Clambake & Cocktails

Over 300 movers and shakers gathered in the Hamptons on Saturday, August 5th for the ultimate event of the summer sponsored by Teach for America, New York Magazine, and Gen Art. The event benefitted Teach for America, a national corps of outstanding recent [college graduates](#) of all academic majors who commit for two years to teach in urban and rural public schools, becoming lifelong leaders in expanding educational opportunity.

Iris Chen, executive director of the New York region of Teach for America, explains, "We are working towards making an incredible impact and rallying [New Yorkers](#) in support of this effort." In fact, there are over 1,000 teachers in 300 public schools in the [New York](#) area.

While the proceeds of the night went to this amazing organization, aside from the benefactor quotient, guests enjoyed the fine dining, entertainment, and yes, the mingling factor. The cuisine, catered by Claws on Wheels, began by guests nibbling on steamed clams with the two steel drums serenading in the background. In the midst of the setting sun with the scent of calming sea air as the [waves](#) kept crashing, barefoot party goers enjoyed lobster or the alternative (grilled hot dogs and hamburgers), along with [corn on the cob](#).

And since the humidity finally broke and the temperature cusped on a beautiful mid-80s day, beverages included concoctions with sponsors among the likes of Fiji water, Tab energy, and Johnnie Walker. As for a chocolate fix for those of us with a sweet tooth? Sarah Endline of sweetriot, a company known for its joyful celebration of culture, diversity and



Sona Hacherian, Maggie Jones, [Iris Chen](#), Anson Mount, Ian Gerard, Leigh Anne Yoo and Matthew Arendt



Steven Baumruk, Philip Bufe, Drew Stoddard, Chantal Baumruk

understanding shared her latest concoction: a cacao bean, the real, true flavor of chocolate. Bliss.

As the sun set upon the horizon, revelers enjoyed the speech made by Iris as New York Magazine and Gen Art convened and the DJ now serenaded the crowd. At this point, guests enjoyed fresh watermelon and scrumptious chocolate chip cookies by Tate's Cookies, a bake shop and staple for any Hamptons dweller.

All in all, a wonderful event capped off by an illustrious gift bag including a Coach picture frame cube, an issue of *New York Magazine*, and *One Day, All Children*, a book by Wendy Kopp, the founder and president of Teach for America.

—Vicki Salemi, *New York Correspondent*

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