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Francesco's Salon and Spa

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"COLORS OF COMPASSION" RAISES \$10,000 FOR ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN RESEARCH HOSPITAL

Mentor, OH 9/1/09. The "Colors of Compassion" Fashion Show and Fundraiser hosted by Francesco's Salon & Spa, was held on Sunday, August 9th at Willoughby Brewing Company. More than \$10,000 was raised to benefit St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. All proceeds were donated to the hospital. Many thanks to the community for their overwhelming support!

A crowd of about 400 people showed up to enjoy the event with music by Beats Workin', a Chinese auction and delicious appetizers donated by Willoughby Brewing Co., Oliver Twist, TJ's on the Avenue, Dino's Restaurant, and Borelli's Catering. Tickets and posters were donated by Allegra Print & Imaging.

The exciting "Colors of Compassion" fashion show featured 36 models including children, teen-agers, and men and women of all ages mostly from the community. Styles ranged from casual to high fashion. Models walked out onto the runway to the music of DJ Lino. Clothing and fashion expertise was provided by Dillard's at Great Lakes Mall. Event coordinator was Micheline Thompson from BSG and Salon Coordinator Jill Grande. Salon employees gave their time and energy to plan the event with the help of Group Leaders: Vanessa DeMilta, Danielle Papa, and Lana Cummings, make up artists Andrew Lundberg and Jill Grande.

Local businesses supported the event. Mentor Rental and Sun Rental donated equipment. Willoughby Brewing Co. opened the facility at no charge and covered the free drink ticket.

Francesco's Salon & Spa has been in business for 18 years, owned and operated by Anthony and Domenica Fini, brother and sister. The salon has grown to more than 40 employees who provide clients with professional services. Francesco's Salon & Spa has sponsored fundraisers for New Directions for Living and St. Jude.

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