

American Cancer Society

# Fashion fights cancer

The fight against cancer has never looked so fashionable. On March 23, the Presbyterian Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society hosted the 2nd annual Cure by Design event at the Fillmore. Approximately 350 people celebrated cancer survivorship, bid in auctions, enjoyed a cocktail hour and marveled at the fashion sported by this year's 19 models.

Models ranged in age from eight to 60 and each was a local cancer survivor. The clothing purveyors ranged from Brooks Brothers to Tommy Bahama, and from Coplon's to Peace of Cloth. The clothing selection highlighted, through design, the hope that emanated from these survivors as they strutted down the runway. Jeff Palmer of PPT Photography even took a second lap during his turn in the spotlight, much to the audible delight of the crowd.

"The event started with a designer named Alex Garfield," said Kari Dahlstrom, Regional Director of Marketing Communications for the American Cancer Society South Atlantic Division. "His company now is called Peace of Cloth ... he had been a part of the original event many years ago and brought the event to the American Cancer Society." The guests also welcomed Luis Machicao, a famous designer from Peru who now lives in Rock Hill, S.C.

Machicao says he loves the event because survivors make the best models. "They are survivors," he said. "They know what it means to be able to walk the runway." ■

## get involved

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Lynn and Lisa Shaw



Cliff and Carrol McIntire, Todd Albaum, Todd McIntire and Lisa Shaw



LaVonndra Johnson and RaShon Carraway



Robyn Albaum and Andreas and Regine Bechtler



Ken, Marnie and Robbie Howler



The Jones Family



Kamryn Lockett and Alva Hailey



Natalie Pasquarella and Jeff Palmer

## Urban Ministry Center Party funds programs

On March 8, the patio at Mac's Speedshop Southend was filled with great food, music and company. About 200 guests attended the Party with a Purpose, Urban Ministry Center's event to help fund its programs.

Eugene Coleman and Scott Mercer spearheaded the fundraiser. "E.C.'s Home BBQ Sauce" sales were donated to the Urban Ministry Center. "We were thrilled with the turnout, given the unseasonably cold weather," Mercer said. "I think everyone had a great time and I am just amazed how this community will come out in force to support a good cause." Mac's mammoth smoker "Hogzilla" was popular with the barbeque enthusiasts and guests danced to the band The Holdouts, which donated its time to the cause.

Urban Ministry Center aids the poor and the homeless by offering solace in an interfaith community. By providing basic needs such as meals, showers, laundry, mail and counseling help, the Ministry aims to

help people take steps to find employment or permanent housing.

"We are thrilled to provide a meaningful contribution to Dale Mullenix and his team at the Urban Ministry Center," Mercer said. "They are the true heroes of our community for the work they do to support the homeless and those in need in Charlotte." ■

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Friends Party with a Purpose



Mac's special party entrance.



Dan Cunningham and Cindy McCarthy



Wynn Davis, Eugene Coleman and Scott Mercer



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