

## Children Are First Network's — 2009 Spring Father's Day Project - "A Great Success"

With a childlike approach, the partners, sponsors, volunteers, guests and friends of *Children Are First Network* joined hands, hearts and harmonized in unity with the children at DePelchin Children's Center and held their second annual Father's Day fashion show, "Fashion with Passion". This year's theme was "Fashion Now International" which encompassed fashion, food and music from the continents and regions of the world.

The featured culture was Palestine. Sahar Abu-sada, Palestinian designer, showcased fashion from different villages that represent the significance of each dress in the culture.

Models, Bria and Courtney "rocked the runway" by representing flags of selected continents, countries and regions. The event was hosted by Radio Disney's Melissa Joseph.



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## Children Are First Network awarded with a "Congressional Certificate of Recognition"

The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, 18th District, Texas, and former board member of DePelchin Children's Center awarded Children Are First Network with a congressional certificate of recognition on community efforts at the event. The certificate was presented to Sophia Manning, by representative, Yavuz

Alavi, of the office of the Congresswoman. "It is a humble honor to receive such recognition from Congresswoman, and I accept this with gratitude, and hereby dedicate it to the children, as it is all "for the children's sake," said Sophia Manning, Executive Director/ International Correspondent.



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## Fashion With Passion, Miss Teen United Nations International, 2008, male models and musicians

Guest speaker, Grace Deforde, Miss Teen United Nations International, 2008, gave her dad an unusual father's day gift; an evening of fashion, fun and fiesta. Grace embraced her dad, rocked the run way and shared her success story with the guests.

Bobby, community volunteer and one of NASA's prime engineers, serves his purpose with passion as he rocks contemporary sports wear sponsored by Leaford James of Creative Customs Design". "I do it for the kids, just love 'em" said Bobby.

A professional attorney, an active volunteer at his place of worship, and a seasonal model who contributes his time and modeling talent to Children Are First Network to support the cause, Leo Hudson—shows off Brazilian wear sponsored by Johnnifer Cortes` of Pimbi Arts.

The saxophone soar ;the musical lions roar... James and company brought a wide variety of music in living colors to the guests. "Ultra Sound" provided exclusive authentic music for the event.



## "Rock the runway" - designers, models and photographer

These generous designers contributed their time and creative talents to the project. Jessica Sauer, teen model who was last featured at Fashion

Week in New York City rocked Euro semi-formal sports wear, designed by Nicole Johnson. Brook and Kelsey showed off the versatile creative designs from Leaford James of Creative Customs Design. Carmen, Michelle and Grace shine with the latest contemporary wear by Aashawna from Fashionably Late.

Jerry Brown, photographer, captures the moment as the gorgeous models take center stage, rock the runway and showcase the illustrious designs of Leaford, Nicole, Johnnifer and Aashawna.



"Fashion Now International—2009."

Designers - Leaford James, Creative Customs Designs; Nicole Johnson, Religious Adoptions and Aashawna Moye, Fashionable Late



## Flash back... preparing for "the show" with media sponsors



Dr. Delagraentiss and Constable Victor Trevino extended their kindness to Children Are First Network by featuring the team as guests on the television program and highlighted our community efforts on the show, "Dr. Delagraentiss Presents". "Children Are First Network brings a new flavor to the community, and we welcome and congratulate them on their sec-

ond annual fashion show," said Dr. Delagraentiss.

Dr. J.T. Smith, host and Marcus, producer of Sunday Morning Live on Radio One's, Magic 102.1, invest their media resources in the community at large and they were thrilled to embrace and share their program with the public relations team for the project. Compliments and kudos to Magic 102.1, Dr. J.T. Smith, Marcus and Eugene.



Lakita, model; Sophia, Ex. Dir; Nicole, designer; Marcus, Producer, and Dr. J.T. Smith, host Sunday Morning Live— Magic 102.1 FM

## "For Children's Sake"

Children Are First Network created the show "For Children's Sake" to highlight pop-culture, fashion, arts and entertainment in our global community. The idea is to capture the minds of the children and intrigue them with a wide variety of entertainment that will also educate them on culture.

The main objective is to ensure that

the children enjoy themselves and live their childhood to the fullest. The producers pride themselves on diversity and inclusion as well as embracing and sharing with children in a "childlike" manner.

"*Childlike* is the way to be, it keeps the heart merry" said Sophia, while posing with the volunteers and models at the

model call for the fashion show.



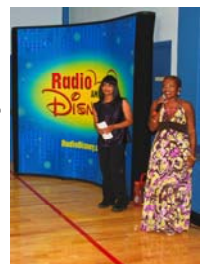
"Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted"—Garrison Keillor

## The director's voice—Sophia Manning

Praises to the God of Creation who gives precious gifts such as children, our partners, sponsors and volunteers. It is indeed a privilege to serve God with gladness in such capacity and to be a servant to the most valuable resources of creation—"our children." I hereby extend my appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to DePelchin Children's center for allowing us such an op-

portunity to serve our precious children. Many thanks to Caribbean Impact, title sponsor; Radio Disney, host sponsor; Dr. Delagraentiss Presents and Radio One's —Magic 102.1, media sponsors; James & Company, live music and Cleveland and Ultra Sound for music and Exodus TV. Special thanks to the designers, Sahar, Leaford, Nicole, Johnnifer and Aashawna for "*fashion now international*". A great big

"thanks" to our designated photographer, Jerry Brown, who makes it his divine duty to set aside this time to contribute first class photography for the cause. Melissa, you did an exceptional job and we appreciate you greatly, thanks for such distinguished presentation, you represented well!



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## Words from partners, Happy Bunch, Italy and House of Hope, South Florida



With true passion for the vision at Happy Bunch, Cristina, looks forward to providing the necessary resources for the benefit of the children in her care. "I believe in One World, I believe in a school paradigm, which primarily educates/reminds educators and families on how to educate. And how is that accomplished? The answer is easy and complicated at the same time, but the process only requires simple and cost free tools: your Heart! Your passions! Your dreams!"



Director, Susanne, of House of Hope, South Florida, is pleased to announce the growth of the organization as they add two new board members who promise to add value to the administration.



House of Hope's mission to provide education and social accommodation to the hurting and troubled teens is optimistic about the future, as they look forward to purchase property to for an independent facility. House of Hope welcomes you to join the team and contribute to the vision as they are looking for dedicated local volunteers to partner with them to further the great mission. Contact Susanne at hope@hopesouthfl.org.

