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La Fashionista

Professional runway show provided by Donahue Models and Macy's raises money for local children

Cranston, RI — (April 2, 2008) Donahue Models and Macy's showcased the latest Spring fashions in a professional runway show, La Fashionista, at the Quidnessett Country Club to support local children. Over 250 guests attended, raising over \$11,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Rhode Island. In addition to the fashion show, various items were showcased in a silent auction, with the most popular item a foursome pass for a round of golf at the Quidnessett Country Club. Other items included an elegant jewelry set donated by Diva's Palace, Samsonite luggage, and a gift certificate to Niagra Falls. Supporters continued to bid into the final moments, eager to take home their prize from the evening! Eighteen items were also raffled off at the event, including a gorgeous Macy's gift basket valued at over \$1000. Balloons filled with gift certificates and special gifts added a little magic to the night. The biggest highlight of the evening, was eleven-year-old Haley from Cranston and eight-year-old Alexandria from Johnston who strutted their stuff on the cat walk. The RI Chapter granted Haley's wish for a pool and Alexandria's wish to swim with dolphins in Hawaii. Dr. Diana Hackney, President and CEO of the RI Chapter was thrilled with the event. "It was a very successful show, the best one yet," she said. "Each year we look forward to seeing the latest fashions and our wish children on the runway. We had a wonderful turnout and everyone was in great spirits, ready for a girls' night out --- all to help local children."

The Make-A-Wish® Foundation of Rhode Island (est. 1991) grants the wishes (903 to date) of children between the ages of 2 ½ and 18 years with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. The Foundation's mission reflects the life-changing impact that a Make-A-Wish® experience has on children, families, referral sources, donors, sponsors and entire communities.

Born in 1980 when a group of caring volunteers helped a young boy fulfill his dream of becoming a police officer, Make-A-Wish is the largest wish-granting charity in the world, with 67 chapters in the United States and its territories. With the help of generous donors and more than 25,000 volunteers, Make-A-Wish grants a wish every 41 minutes and has granted more than 161,000 wishes in the U.S. since inception. For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit www.wish.org and discover how you can share the power of a wish®.