

# \$94,000

Raised at the  
2007 Healing Threads Fashion Benefit

# The Times of Our Lives

How did we celebrate *The Times of Our Lives*? By creating a spectacular fashion benefit featuring 50 talented models, nine local stores, one celebrity commentator and a room filled of donors – sponsors and ticket holders – not to mention the delicious hors d'oeuvres.

Over 750 guests turned out for the unveiling of this season's fall fashions at the 27th annual *Healing Threads* Fashion Benefit. Two evening shows were held in the Hamrick Theatre on the campus of Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast on Monday, October 15th and Tuesday October 16th.

Event Co-chairs Margaret Irvin and Cheryl Kelling noted *"the theme, The Times of Our Lives, evokes many memories for each of us. We all recall the turning*



Co-Chairs  
Margaret Irvin & Cheryl Kelling

*points in our lives. As we look back, we realize that time has spun the threads and interwoven them into the fabric of our families, our hospital and our community. As we have witnessed, economic growth and many new residents have added to the overall designs and strength of this fabric. Although our name has changed to CMC-NorthEast, the healthcare remains focused on the individuals and families who are part of this region. The Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital is now one of the premier services offered to our children."*

Margaret Irvin and Cheryl Kelling worked alongside 75 volunteers during the past twelve months to prepare for the 2007 Fashion Benefit. They were thrilled when the \$94,000 net profit total for the Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital was revealed to the guests. In addition, a surprise gift of \$25,000 was also presented at the show's end by Judy Griffin, president of the Volunteers of NorthEast who had created the fashion benefit 27 years ago before passing it on to NorthEast Foundation in 1997.

Irvin and Kelling told guests, *"We are especially fortunate to have the repeated financial support of our \$25,000 Co-Sponsor, The Ben Mynatt Family of*

*Dealerships. In addition to their support, Cabarrus Radiologists, PA, The Heart Group of the Carolinas, PA, and Pizza Hut & Sonic Drive-In/Mr. and Mrs. Terry Engstrom all returned as \$10,000 Title Sponsors."* These lead sponsorships and additional sponsorships, gifts of support and ticket purchases made the event a strong, financial success.

The scrumptious hors d'oeuvres included a carving station and a gourmet coffee bar. A timepiece ice sculpture bearing the logo of the Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital was filled with shrimp.

Guest commentator Beth Troutman, television co-host of Fox News Rising, used her delightful interviewing style as she and co-commentator

Jim Monroe, Foundation Executive Director, described the fashions. They also shared interesting personal stories about each model who represented an array of individuals who have a connection to CMC-NorthEast. Employees, medical staff and volunteers of CMC-NorthEast and NorthEast Foundation were all represented. Fashions were provided by Ashlyn's Boutique, Beaux Belly, Bijoux Collections, Brooks Brothers, Harold's, Phidippides Sports Center, Pout Couture, Ravished and Virginia's.



## HEALING THREADS

### 2007 Fashion Benefit

Committee Chairs

Sponsorships

**Margaret Irvin & Cheryl Kelling**

Stores

**Kimberly Baker & Colleen Rett**

Models

**Austin Entwistle & Amy McGuire**

Tickets

**Mabel Brown & Betty Cannon**

Decorations

**Lela Bishop & Betsy Hamilton Smith**

Commentary

**Christy Benson**

Choreography/Music Production

**Dakeita Vanderburg-Horton & Hunter Horton**



Beth Troutman