

Models Raise Funds for WJCS Kids' Kloset at 3rd Annual Fashion Show

More than 200 guests, including New York State Assembly member Shelley Mayer, watched 50 models, from tiny tots to teens, strut their stuff at the WJCS Kids' Kloset 3rd Annual Fashion Show to raise funds to continue providing free clothing and related items to children in need in Westchester. Assembly member Mayer, a well-known champion for children, presented a proclamation to WJCS Kids' Kloset

Director Stephanie Roth, left, and WJCS Director of Development Susan Lewen.

The models wore selections from the clothing donated to WJCS Kids' Kloset and provided free through social workers at human services agencies, schools and other organizations to individual families. The clothes are chosen to



match the sizes and tastes of the recipients and packed in bags, fondly deemed "bags of love" by many recipients.

WJCS Kids' Kloset, a volunteer-driven operation, has been in existence for four and a half years and during that time has donated more than 8,000 "bags of love" to chil-

dren in Westchester. The volunteers have been among the first responders to alleviate the upheavals of families displaced by fires and other emergencies. On a daily basis, Kids' Kloset is outfitting kids who don't have winter coats, hats or scarves or those who don't have sneakers needed for playing basketball or even babies who need strollers or just fresh diapers. Donations are collected at the ware-

house at 170 E. Post Road in downtown White Plains.

Funds collected at the fashionable event, which was held on May 15 at the Old Oaks Country Club in Purchase, will be used to replenish supplies of items that need to be new or to keep the operation going. Several sponsors and community organizations pitched in to make the event a rousing success. For more information on WJCS Kids' Kloset, visit www.wjcs.com/kidskloset.

WJCS is one of the largest non-profit, non-sectarian human services agencies in Westchester, serving 20,000 people

annually at 70 clinic, school, community and home-based locations throughout the county. The agency's integrated network of services includes mental health treatment and counseling, child and youth development programs, residential and non-residential programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, home health and geriatric services. The highest level of professional development and training is offered through the WJCS Educational Institute. For more information on WJCS, go to www.wjcs.com.