

Compassion, Saks Fashion and Ivana: All at Catwalk for a Cure

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The cause — the first-ever fundraiser for Amschwand Sarcoma Cancer Foundation — was so compelling that **Ivana Trump** jumped on a Continental plane (the airline was a sponsor, you see) to cameo at the Catwalk for a Cure Fashion Show and Luncheon at Hotel Derek. Saks Fifth Avenue also came on board, proffering the chic looks (including threads by designer **Bill Hamilton**) that glided down the runway, while fashionable femmes flocked to support this important Houston-headquartered medical nonprofit.

As Ivana whispered in our ear her very personal philosophy of dating *only* younger men, we sighted chairmen **Erin Heath** and **Amy Palmisano**; founder **Melissa Amschwand-Bellinger** (her late husband, Tom, was the inspiration for the foundation); **Erin Holmes**, whose tribute to her mother, Sherry Holmes (who passed away from sarcoma), had all in tears; entertainment chairman **Jill Holstead** with husband **Scott** (his firm, UBS Financial Services, a major underwriter); Saks' delightful VP and GM **Larry Bruce** and **Sylvia Forsythe**; **Beth Moore**; **Anne Carl**; **Kirby McCool**; **Courtney Hopson**; masters of ceremony **Michael Kemper** and **Jessica Willey**; publicists **Gretchen Ferguson** and **Ashley Wehrly**, donating their time to the cause; **Sarah McConnell**; **Carolyn Farb**; invitations chairman **Catherine Masterson**; **Courtney Lanier Sarofim**; **Aliyya Stude**; and **Jeanne Ruberti**.

Après a sumptuous seated lunch, fabulous fashion show, raffle drawings on posh prize packages and Ivana's star turn, the afternoon wound down, but not before raising more than \$140,000 for the foundation's cancer-fighting cause.

**Jenna Junell
Gretchen Ferguson
Chairman Amy
Palmisano**



**Sarah McConnell
Terry Chalmers**



**Maria
Bassa**



**Catherine
Masterson**



**Jill
Holstead**



Scott Holstead



**Larry Bruce, Sylvia Forsythe
Bill Hamilton**



**Chairman Erin Heath
Ivana Trump
Melissa Amschwand-
Bellinger**



**Meg Culp
Candace Dickerson
Carrie Miller**