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Designs by Angel Sanchez wowed the crowd of 500 who attended the Catwalk for a Cure fashion show and gala at the Corinthian.

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Catwalk for a Cure: a runway success

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Part razzle-dazzle, part somber, part frivolous — the Catwalk for a Cure benefit evening offered the 500 guests at the Corinthian Friday night plenty of bang for their bucks.

First the fun — a stunning 20-minute runway presentation by **Angel Sanchez** and Saks Fifth Avenue earned the designer a standing ovation, his evening and daywear designs big hits with this youngish crowd.

On a different note, there was a tearful tribute to **Andrea Morgensen Shumate**, who lost her battle with sarcoma at age 24 shortly after being named the benefit's honoree. The salute was led by emcee **Rachel McNeill** of Channel 2 and Shumate's husband, Iraq war veteran **James Shumate**. The benefit raised \$400,000 for the Amschwand Sarcoma Cancer Foundation.

This first tier of the evening, which included a yummy Jackson & Co. dinner, was chaired by **Courtney Hopson, Alexandra Knight** and **Leigh Williams**. Williams had her ears pierced that day in order to wear loaner diamonds from Cartier.

The jeweler was sponsor of the post-dinner party, "Catwalk's Club Cartier," held on the upper level of the Corinthian and chaired by **Liz Gorman, Michael Mandola, Tim Moloney** and **Brian Neal Sensabaugh**. DJ Jeffery Mac, Mr. Bristle and Vic Vegas kept the crowd dancing till late into the night.

Tripping this night fantastic were **Michael Kemper, Marcia** and **David Soloman, Jana** and **Richard Fant, Kristi** and **John Schiller, Franco Valobra, Meredith Cullen, Melissa Amschwand Bellinger, Courtney** and **Jason Fertitta, John** and **Becca Cason Thrash** and Cartier's **John Evatz**.