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**SECTION C**

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# Couture for a Cure

**“Stitch by stitch, mile by mile,”  
show supports Tour de Pink**



*Rosanna Pino cuts into a cake provided by Stephanie D'Andrea of Stephanie Cakes. Granddaughter Isabella Santiago and daughter Danielle Dominique, the designer, are with her.*

A more upbeat, fun fashion show you couldn't find. Never mind the serious theme, "Couture for the Cure." It was a joyous event, with local models and local designs and breast cancer survivors among the models and in the audience.

The evening opened with cocktails and closed with the show and models cheered on by friends and families. The staff from Fred's Breakfast Club lined the back of the room, swinging to the music, clapping and whistling.

"All local babes," Ellen Bollenbacher said of the models. A breast cancer survivor, she owns the Landing and Fred's Breakfast Club with her husband, Chris, and is a longtime member of the Eagle Fire Company.

Along with Ellen, models were Christie Williamson, Deneen Lohan, Cindi Bittle, Amishi Castelli, Rebecca Cooper, Julie Behr, Lexie White and Louise Williamson, who confided that she had to find a pair of high heels to wear in the show. Isabella Santiago was a flower girl in the wedding party group.

Dominique Daniela hosted the fashion show to raise funds for the Young Survival Coalition (YSC) Oct. 6, at the Ramada in New Hope. "She is a low-key, wonderful dress designer," Ellen Bollenbacher said.

Daughter of a breast cancer survivor, Dominique decided to host an event last year to help raise awareness and support an organization close to her heart. The event was such a huge success that she and her business partner, Lesley Marino, did it once again. They combined the latest fashions from their boutique, with clothing from Savioni and Adrianna Rangel. Diana Michaels provided out-of-this world jewelry and Poochie by Gale. The glittering handbags. Salon Gratitude did the models' hair and La Bella Vita the makeup.

Dominique Daniela Pino-Santiago opened her first showroom in Manhattan in 2004. Four years later, she opened the storefront boutique in New Hope, which carries everyday styles and her custom designs.

Proceeds from the show will support local riders for Tour de Pink, a three-day ride to fund breast cancer research.



*Ellen Bollenbacher, Chris Bollenbacher and Fred Williamson.*



*Tour de Pink participants Lise Geduldig, Janine Carroll, Denise Kruse, with Dominica Daniela.*



*Deneen Lohan's and Cindi Bittel's hands sparkle with rings provided by Diana Michaels.*

**Photographs by Gordon Nieburg**



*Handbag designer Gale Ricany with model Deneen Lohan.*



*Diana Michaels, in violet dress, watches the show with friends.*



*Christie Williamson models a wedding gown.*