

First Ladies of Dream Foundation

*Fashion and Dreams*By **JEANETTE CASILLAS**/ CASA**DREAMS DO COME TRUE**

with the help of Dream Foundation supporters who gathered once again for the 7th Annual First Ladies of the Dream Foundation – *An Evening of Fashion and Dreams*, at the Bacara Resort & Spa last month.

“Moving the event to the evening increased attendance and raised more funds for the Dream Foundation,” shared Roxanna Solakian, Event Co-chair.

Full of glitz and glamour, the evening featured 75 designs from the Valentino Fall/Winter 2008 Ready-to-Wear Collection. Models graced a runway woven

throughout the room, with diners enjoying up close views of the iconic designs.

Special guest, 22 years old Jenni Hargis, a recent dream recipient battling cancer for the third time, shared her story of how the Dream Foundation impacted her life, granting her wish to meet Tom Hanks and attend a Broadway musical.



Auctioneer **Layla Khashoggi** with husband **Essam Khashoggi**

Special appearances by celebrity supporters included Dream Foundation Ambassador Priscilla Presley as well as an exclusive performance by Kenny Loggins.

Other performances included Acro-gymnastic duo ‘Realis’, who were finalists in the NBC reality show *America’s Got Talent*; renowned violinist Lili Haydn; and *American Idol* contestant Michael Johns.

Layla Khashoggi led the live auction offering luxury travel opportunities, exclusive shopping experiences, and other luxury items. Debby Davison was the Emcee and Solakian

co-chaired the event with Holly Murphy.

“I was impressed that in a time when people are concerned with money, they are still willing to help by making donations or buying a dream,” shared Solakian.

Dream Foundation helps adults find peace and closure with the realization of a final wish. With approximately 1,400 dream requests annually, Dream Foundation relies on donations of cash, airline miles, and other resources to make many dreams come true.

Dream Foundation is the first and largest national wish granting organization for adults with life limiting illness. The mission of Dream Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for individuals and their families during the end of life journey. For more information call 564-2131 or visit www.dreamfoundation.org.



Roxanna Solakian, Event Co-Chair; **Jenni Hargis**, Dream Recipient; **Kathy Ireland**; **Debra Borden**; **Holly Murphy**, Event Co-Chair; and **Ruth Hargis**



Marcus Farber, **Angie Farber**, and **Mel Farber**, Dream Foundation Board Member



Judy Bassaly and **Craig Donahue**, The Donahue Group



Thomas Rollerson, Founder and President of Dream Foundation surrounded by the handsome and beautiful Valentino runway models



Dan Kass, **Priscilla Presley**, **Debbie Kass**, **Angie Redding**, and **Dennis Franz**

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