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GYPSY TEA ROOM, MAY 21

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LIGHTS, CAMERAS, FASHION!

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**Stefani McMurrey** called in friends and favors to fill the Gypsy Tea Room for The Fashion Foundation's Celebrity Charity Fashion Show on Saturday. Reporters from Channels 4, 5, 8, 11, 21, and 33 modeled the latest trends and raised money for Crohn's and Colitis Foundation's Camp Oasis. NBC 5's **Scott Gordon** sported Source Paris Man. The Center for Dance's **Stephanie DiBiase** wowed the crowd with several routines she choreographed for the show. She also turned heads while modeling several sexy ensembles. Even *Playboy* photographer **Ric Moore** was overheard asking about her.

While the show included some professional models, novices like Channel 8's **Alexa Conomos** and Channel 11's **Eileen Gonzales** worked the runway like supermodels. They paid no heed to the bright lights and flash bulbs blinding them as they sashayed down the runway. **Jaqueline McAllister** modeled a provocative pink top with very strategically-placed flowers. Matthew McConaughey look-alike **James Regester** had some pre-show jitters, but he came through and helped the group raise over \$10,000 for the campers.

-From-inside the VIP confines, dressed to impress guests Tina Hernandez and Joseph Bowens cheered on the models. They were joined by nearly 100 VIP sponsors and supporters. Trendsetter Benita Fuson's multiple silver-strand necklace was the talk of the town.

At the end of the day, not only was this event a great success, it also made something clear: professional models are great, but in a pinch, Dallas has an abundance of catwalk-ready people