

Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation

Saks & The City III



Christina Rottman; Carla Tomson, event co-chair; Sheela Hunt; Lucia Engel; Kyle Brace; and France Grissolange

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AFTER HOURS SHOPPING AND PAMPERING drew a crowd of over 350 to Saks & The City III, the sexy fundraiser for the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation. Last month the glamorous event raised \$70,000 for the foundation.

“For the third year in a row we have created an evening that benefits everyone involved,” shared Marni Rozet, TBCF Executive Director. “The guests get a fantastic night out, the vendors all benefit by promoting themselves, and our foundation celebrates its success by having this amazing event that not only raises much needed funds, but does so with a cost of less than five percent of the event cost. It is a “win win” for everyone involved. Truly we could not do this event without the generosity of the community we live in!”

Saks make-up specialists were on hand to provide women with makeovers while massage and healing therapist helped sooth their worries away. Participants also had the opportunity to preview the “Must Have’s” from some top designers including: Millie, Etro, Diane



TBCF founder **Nikki Katz** and TBCF Executive Director **Marni Rozet**



Debbie Kass and **Nora Reyes**



Singer, **Lois Mahalia** & her mom **Gem**

Von Furstenberg, Max Mara, Elie Tahari, Pauw, Armani, Piazza Sempione, and Theory.

Buddy Winston led the live auction that included items ranging from a Costa Rican retreat to Surf lessons with World Champion local Shaun Tomson. Almost 100 percent of the proceeds will help provide financial and emotional support for families who have a child with cancer. Due to the generosity of the Santa Barbara community, all services, food, and beverages were donated.

“Every year has had a different highlight for me,” shared Rozet. “But the stand out was when actress Nia Peeples talked about her experience with cancer when she lost her father. She first asked everyone in the audience to raise their hand if they had been touched by cancer – almost every single person in the room raised their hand! She then touched on the significance of how important it is to have your family together, no matter who it is affecting.”

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