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City brought  
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Gina Mazza-  
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to last week's  
hospice bene-  
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are pictured  
in front of  
the holiday  
display in  
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partment at  
Jacobson's.



## Hospice benefit lights up Jacobson's

More than 1,000 area residents turned out Tuesday for an evening of fashion, food, music and prizes at the annual "Light Up a Life" Angela Hospice benefit at Jacobson's in Livonia.

Sponsored by the Italian American Club of Livonia, the benefit raised some \$40,000 for a hospice pediatric program, "My Nest Is Best," which is set to begin in 1995 — the same year Angela Hospice celebrates its 10th anniversary.

A "strolling supper" throughout the store featured gourmet appetizers and refreshments from more than 20 area restaurants.

The Jacobson's fashion show featured clothes by St. John Knits, J.H. Collectibles, menswear and children's clothes.

Carolyn DiComo, chairwoman from Northville Township, said this year's benefit was "very special because it was for children."

"My Nest Is Best" is a program of care for children with life-threatening illnesses. It focuses on helping children remain home, in the comfort and security of familiar surroundings.

DiComo, who has chaired all seven hospice benefits, attributes the success of the event to hard-working committee members.

"I also have to thank my family — they do such a good job and they're a big part of the event."

Carolyn and her husband, Don DiComo, are the parents of four grown children — Donald DiComo II of Livonia, Dan DiComo of Northville, Cindy Shultz of Wilcom and Candy Keaser of Royal Oak.

Italian American Club members come from Livonia, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Westland, Northville, Novi, West Bloom-



Budding model: Taylor Pemberton-Elkow, 4, of Farmington Hills waves as she heads down the runway in a special holiday party dress from Jacobson's.

field, Rochester, Howell, Brighton, Canton Township and Plymouth.

Area celebrities who donated their time to model fashions for the benefit included WXYZ-TV reporter Cheryl Chodun, Amze reporter of WKBD-Channel 60 along with her children, Ruddy Makupson and Myre-Z Makupson, and Jimmy Launce of WJR radio and his wife, Brigitte.

Also appearing were Paul Gross of WDIV-TV Channel 4, WXYZ-TV reporter Dan Springer and his wife, Heidi, "Captain" Rick Jagger of WJYT-FM 96.3, Bob

Rathbun and Rick Rizzi, Detroit Tigers announcers, Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall, Livonia City Councilman Dale Jurcisin and his son, Mark, and former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox.

Leaving that night with some special prizes were Lorraine Stevenson of Plymouth who won two tickets from Northwest Airlines, Kim Lokar of Farmington, the winner of a \$1,000 shopping spree at Chris Furniture of Livonia, and Donna Meyers of Novi who won a \$500 gift certificate from Jacobson's.

Other prizes winners include J. Pociulyka of Livonia, a weekend getaway at Grand Traverse Resort; Sylvia Zagaroli, dinner for two with Mort Crim at Roma Cafe; Rosemary Elbow of New Hudson, Treetops/Sylvan Glen ski package; Toni Minni of Dearborn Heights, weekend at Pinecroft Golf Plantation; J. Kusila of Livonia, gift certificate to Tamara Institute de Beaute; Kathy Hartmus of Livonia, \$50 gift certificate to Cooker's in Livonia, and Angela Kelley of Livonia, Lodis Executive Writing Instrument.

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