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Chic blowout for 'Babes' Fashionable folk make merry while helping Children's Memorial Hospital

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The city's design stars came out Dec. 18 for "Babes in Toyland," a fund-raiser for Children's Memorial Hospital held at luxury Italian clothier Escada, 840 N. Michigan.

Handmade ornaments auctioned for the charity were donated by a dozen fashionable people, including restaurateur **Jerry Kleiner**, designer **Cyndi Chan**, HGTV's "24 Hour Design" host **Angelo Surlmelis** and recent "Project Runway" castoff **Steven Rosengard**. Other notable attendees included Bravo's "Top Design" winner **Matt Lorenz** and Amazing Cosmetics founders **Lisa Thurman** and **Sue Katz**.

Rosengard was voted off the show earlier this month, but he says being on the hit show has given his social life a big boost. "I've been going to eight parties a week or so, and that's with taking a day off," he says, laughing. "It's just a hoot walking down the street to buy a gallon of milk and people are like, 'Oh my God, we loved you on the show.'"

More than 100 people were on hand to bid on the silent auction and sample sushi from River North's Ai restaurant. Some guests strutted while trying on Escada's super-expensive evening gowns. All brought wrapped presents to be donated to the hospital.

A crew from "24/7 Chicago," a new TV show on WMAQ-Channel 5, taped the party for its premier episode (watch it on New Year's Eve). After putting on a gorgeous brown silk ruffled dress, host **Catie Keogh** gasped when she peeked at the price tag. "It's \$3,750," said Keogh, "That's like my whole mortgage payment."