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STARS of Art and Fashion to Collide on Oct. 14



STARS model Susie owns the catwalk during the 2010 event.



Backstage before the 2010 fashion show, STARS models relish their newfound fame.



Mother-daughter model team Dana and Janet share a touching moment in the spotlight during the 2010 show.

STARS participants will strut their stuff on Friday, Oct. 14, at Chaparral Suites for STARS' fashion show and awards luncheon, The Art of Fashion. Everyone is urged to attend and show their support for the Scottsdale-based nonprofit.

STARS serves teens and adults with disabilities such as autism, Down syndrome, brain injuries and seizure disorders throughout Scottsdale, the East Valley, and north and east Phoenix. Since 1973, the organization has provided creative arts and cooking and baking classes, along with vocational training, onsite work centers, Fry's and Scottsdale Healthcare job-training facilities, and the new Transitions Program.

"This event is so important to the participants we serve at STARS," says Virginia Korte, CEO of the organization. "It's a time for them to experience something they may not otherwise have the opportunity to be part of, to highlight our participants and their accomplishments,

and to make them feel special—and that's really what this is all about."

The Art of Fashion showcases STARS' mission in a real and inspiring way. With few dry eyes in the ballroom during the 2010 event, STARS' fashion show and awards luncheon proved to not only be a celebration of the participants, but a moving and memorable event for attendees.

STARS will be honoring two outstanding participants as the Shining STARS of 2011. Recognizing their exceptional motivation, integrity and successes gives them a sense of accomplishment and pride.

Scottsdale Unified School District will also be honored as STARS' 2011 Community Partner. The district partnered with STARS to develop a Transitions Program for teens with disabilities and their parents, a stepping stone between high school and adult life. Proceeds from The Art of Fashion will benefit the Transitions Program. ■

THE ART OF FASHION

WHEN: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Fri., Oct. 14

WHERE: Chaparral Suites, 5001 N. Scottsdale Road

TICKETS: \$50 luncheon and show, with sponsorships starting at \$1,000

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