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### **Strutting the Catwalk for Colorado's Homeless**

#### ***Local Boutiques Show Their Flair at HomeAid Colorado's 8<sup>th</sup> annual Fashion Show***

DENVER – HomeAid Colorado, a non-profit organization that builds quality homes for the temporarily homeless, is planning a night of wild surprises for this year's "It's a Jungle Out There" fashion show and gala dinner.

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual fashion show gala begins at 6 p.m. on Sept. 19 at the Wildlife Experience in Parker. Hosted by Denise Plante of the KOSI 101.1 morning show and Colorado and Company on Channel 9, the evening includes dinner and silent and live auctions; all set among the sights and sounds of the jungle. The spotlight will be on the runway, though, as this year's fashion show features clothing from popular local boutiques.

Hitting the runway this year are fashions from a variety of local boutiques, all focused on bringing one-of-a-kind pieces that can be incorporated into anyone's wardrobe to add a splash of individual style to the everyday. Coordinated by accomplished stylist and fashion show producer Gretchen Sutphin, the fashion show includes volunteers, local celebrities and formerly homeless families showing off the wild side of fall fashion on the catwalk.

Brenda Zdanowicz from **Parker Panache** on Mainstreet in Old Town Parker says "We are thrilled to be a part of HomeAid's annual fashion show and to raise awareness about the

homeless epidemic in our state. To this year's show, we're contributing one-of-a-kind pieces that you'll not easily find elsewhere."

Other featured boutiques are:

**Irresistibles** -- Located in downtown Castle Rock, it features an assortment of unique clothing, jewelry, and accessories

**PJ's Boutique** -- A new women's apparel and accessories boutique on Old South Pearl Street in Denver, will showcase styles and accessories that celebrate a woman's figure.

**Mariel** – For 25 years, this Larimer Square mainstay has impressed locals and celebrities with intriguing, yet romantic fashions.

**Violet** – This Larimer Square establishment specializes in clothing and accessories for professional women who have traded in the classic navy suit for fashions that make them feel beautiful but not too trendy.

**MODA** – Andy Morris recently opened this men's boutique in The Village Shops at The Landmark in Greenwood Village. The shop carries European styles that elevate men's fashion in Denver.

**Players** – With shops in LoDo and The Village Shops at the Landmark, Jim Harder and Scott Peterson help men assemble a business casual wardrobe that is impressive for any occasion. And if a man must wear a tie, Players carries the best.

**A. Tsagas Furs** – Andreas Tsagas has been designing and creating custom fur coats and accessories for more than 30 years. After establishing his trade in the Greek mountain town of Kastoria, his creative flair for style, fashion, and design enabled him to expand worldwide to his home store in Cherry Creek North, Denver.

**The Bad Kittie Salon** on East Colfax in Denver will provide hair and makeup styling for the fashion show. A regular among Denver's fashion and design scene, Lora Powers has spent more than 10 years as a stylist. Inspired by the "bad kittie" in all of us, as well as the boutiques she has visited throughout Europe, Powers opened a salon that offers the best service possible while encouraging individuality.

Individual tickets to the fashion show are \$125 and benefit HomeAid Colorado's mission to build homes for Colorado's temporarily homeless. For more information about the 8<sup>th</sup> annual HomeAid Colorado Fashion show or to purchase tickets, please call 303.691.0104 or visit [www.hacolo.org/fashion.htm](http://www.hacolo.org/fashion.htm).

**About HomeAid**

HomeAid Colorado identifies reputable care providers for the homeless and matches them with a participating local "builder captain." The captain brings the in-kind resources of subcontractors, suppliers and consultants, and delivers quality housing for the temporarily homeless, who comprise approximately 90 percent of the homeless population. Since its inception in 2000, HomeAid Colorado has built 25 housing units in Colorado for the homeless. Nationally, HomeAid is a leading non-profit provider of housing for the homeless.