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Fresh Start Co-Founder Pat Petznick and Beverly Stewart, with the 2014 Fashion Gala Founders Award Honorees, Anne Mariucci and Kathy Munro. The 18th Fresh Start Fashion Gala was held Feb 22 at the Arizona Biltmore.

Fashion Gala raises \$1.1 million for Fresh Start women's services

Fresh Start Women's Foundation hosted its 18th annual Fashion Gala Feb. 22 at the Arizona Biltmore. Fresh Start hosted over 650 attendees who enjoyed a cocktail reception, fashion show, gourmet dinner and after-party.

"The 18th annual Fashion Gala was a tremendous success for Fresh Start. We are so fortunate for the many supporters and partners of this incredible event. Thank you to the attendees, sponsors, volunteers and partners who worked so hard to truly make this the Best Gala Ever!" stated Susan Berman, president and CEO of Fresh Start.

Co-chairs for the event were Ann Siner, CEO of My Sister's Closet, and her sister, Tess Loo, chief fashion stylist for My Sister's Closet.

The Founders Award honorees for the evening were long-time Fresh Start supporters Anne Mariucci and Kathy Munro.

Attendees enjoyed a full-scale, New York-style runway fashion show featuring Etro



Fashion Gala Co-Chairs Tess Loo and Ann Siner.

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presented by Saks Fifth Avenue.

The event raised over \$1.1 million in gross revenue, which will support the programs and services of Fresh Start Women's Foundation, whose mission is to empower women to transform their lives through engagement and education.

Fresh Start Women's Foundation empow-

ers women to transform their lives through engagement and education. Fresh Start focuses on three core values: economic self-sufficiency, personal development and education.

The Jewell McFarland Lewis Fresh Start Women's Resource Center offers counseling, mentoring, education, career services, legal services, child watch, an e-learning center and personal development/self-esteem services that include wardrobing sessions, makeovers and empowerment classes.

Fresh Start also offers services in the East Valley at the Goodwill Career Center in Chandler and has classes available for free online at www.freshstartwomen.org.

All of Fresh Start's services are free or low cost and are available to any woman over the age of 18. Whether a woman is going through a divorce, just became unemployed or is just looking for something new in her life, Fresh Start is dedicated to supporting women who want to thrive.

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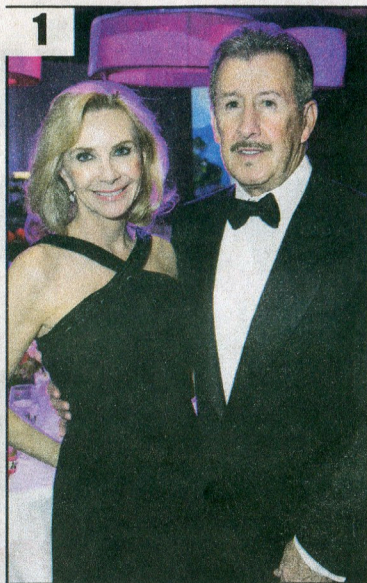
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1.) 2013 Founders Award Honoree Carole Moreno with Arte Moreno. 2.) 4.) Ina Manaster, Fresh Start CEO Susan Berman and Gena Bonsall. 3.) Saks Fifth Avenue Vice President and General Manager Marie Bliss, Kimberly Clark, Etro USA representative, Dwight Giese, Fifth Avenue Club Director, Saks Fifth Avenue, Brent Beauchamp, Stylist, Saks Fifth Avenue, President, Etro USA, Marco Pievani, Heather Jacobus, PR, Etro USA. 4.) Amy Videan, director of marketing, Saks Fifth Avenue and Marco Pievani, president of Etro USA. 5.) Fresh Start Executive Board Chair Mary Martuscelli and her husband Rick. 6.) 8.) Mary Gay and Woody Harrah with Carole Ellison. 7.) Michael Riordan with his mom Kim McWaters.

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