



Holiday preview at Westport Inn benefits Save the Children

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More than 200 area residents, business people and civic leaders earlier this month attended a holiday-preview party at which local retailers presented room vignettes featuring their products.

The event Nov. 1 at the newly renovated Westport Inn raised nearly \$1,000 for Save the Children, the Westport-based international charity, and more than a dozen Westport and Fairfield retailers participated.

Themes of the vignette "rooms" included a bridal room, the men's and women's business rooms, girls night out, mind and body fitness and grandma's house.

Participating retailers included 4@One, Ann Taylor, Brooks Brothers, Calypso St. Barth, Castle Wine & Spirits, Kaia Yoga, Nike, Pia Lauren Spa, Plumed Serpent Bridal, Rahelia, Silver of Westport, Soleil Toile, Westport Invitations, and Work It Out Wardrobes.

On display at the party was a Christmas Tree decorated with knit hats, each signifying a guest's \$10 donation to Save the Children's Newborn and Child Survival Campaign.

"For Save the Children, it was a wonderful opportunity to interact with and educate the greater Westport Community about the work we do throughout the world," said Jason Chmura, the charity's manager of community and volunteer engagement. "More than 100 caps were purchased that evening, and the inn is continuing to make this opportunity to help available to its guests throughout the holiday season."

Volunteering to guide guests through the displays were Staples High School Key Club members and students from Project Return, which assists adolescent girls in crisis.

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