

Fashion show nets NYC \$65,000 for youth programs

A charity event has netted the Nelson Youth Centres a significant infusion of funding.

Nelson Youth Centres' 6th annual Inspirations of Spring Fashion Show last month netted \$65,000 for NYC as more than 400 people gathered in the new Burlington Mercedes-Benz showroom on the North Service Road. The amount raised surpassed last year's record high of \$40,000.

Vogue models showcased Burlington's new spring fashions, local restaurants prepared gourmet dishes and the band No Strings Attached played as aerial artist bbBlanc spun and twirled above the 2010 Mercedes Benz B Class Sports Tourer that was being raffled off at the event.

Peter Czornoba of Burlington won the Mercedes, which is valued at about \$40,000. In other prize draws, Cheryl Gajadhar of Toronto won \$1,000 while Louise Cooke and Bob Basadur, both of Burlington, each won \$500.

Nelson Youth Centres, based on New Street, offers after-school mental health treatment programs, parent training and support programs, social skills programs and an intensive half-day program for children at risk of losing their school placement.

NYC is partially funded by the Ministry of Child and Youth Services and the United Way but relies on financial support from the community to continue to provide a full range of services to children and youth in Halton.

Children's Mental Health Ontario states that 1-in-5 kids in Ontario struggle with a diagnosable emotional, mental or behavioural disorder. "Left untreated, these children become a stress to themselves, their families, their schools, their peers and the community as a whole," stated a Nelson Youth Centres news release.