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Recipe for Success & Neiman Marcus host another stylish Dress for Dinner

*Designer Nanette Lepore makes first visit to Houston to present her spring collection
and support the Foundation's annual fashion series*

DATELINE Houston, TX. Wednesday, March 26, 2014. Recipe for Success Foundation packed the house on Neiman Marcus' third level for another gorgeous Dress for Dinner event. For this round of the fashion series benefiting the Foundation's efforts to combat childhood obesity, New York designer **Nanette Lepore** made her first appearance in Houston to present her latest collection.

Over a hundred of Houston's most savvy style-seekers came out for the evening to welcome spring fashion with Lepore and her daughter Violet, who often inspires the designer's collections. The runway featured Neil Hamil models donning pieces that celebrate the season, with a mix of flowy hemlines, lace overlays, bold prints, clean silhouettes and the designer's signature vibrant hues.

Recipe for Success Founder Gracie Cavnar announced to the crowd that Lepore had generously agreed to donate 10% of proceeds from the evening and following day's sales of her collection. Thanks to terrific partner support, 100% of ticket sales of all Dress for Dinner events also benefit the organization.

Following the show, a handful of lucky guests retired to Mariposa to enjoy an intimate dinner by Chef James Ashley with Lepore, Cavnar and Neiman Marcus' own Bob Devlin and Stacey Swift.

The guest list included: Paula Mott, Carrie and Kelli Colbert, Diane Lokey Farb, Holly A.N. Smith, Alex and Astley Blair, Carlos and Karina Barbieri, Jeff Shell, Yvonne Cormier, Cynthia and Kelly Coleman, Gema Banks, Leslie Sharp, Hallie Vanderhider, Josie Guzman and Recipe for Success Founder Gracie Cavnar.

This year's Dress for Dinner Chairs Leisa Holland Nelson and daughter Laura Max Nelson invite all to join them for the series season finale at Tootsies on May 7, when we'll celebrate the honorees of The 2014 Fashion Gene Awards. Each year, **The Fashion Gene Awards** are bestowed upon a selection of mothers and daughters nominated for their impeccable sense of style. The show will be followed by a limited seating dinner by Chef Barbara McKnight of Culinaire.

This year's honorees: Yolanda and Taylor Adams; Cheryl Boblitt and daughters Kyrstin and Kacie; Tracy Eklund and Jackie Geacone; Karen Garcia and Kristin Garcia Blomquist; Susan, Kelly and Lori Krohn; Kelley and Elise Lubanko; Susan and Kendall Plank; Virginia Steppe and Alissa Maples; Ileana and Mari Trevino

Dress for Dinner fashion shows are \$50 per person for reception and fashion show; exclusive dinner events are an additional \$300 per ticket. For more details and tickets, visit recipe4success.org or contact Marisol Castro at 713.520.0443 or marisol@recipe4success.org.

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About Recipe for Success Foundation

Since 2005, Recipe for Success Foundation has worked to combat childhood obesity by changing the way our children understand, appreciate and eat their food, and by educating and mobilizing the community to provide healthier diets for children with programs that have empowered more than 20,000 Houston children with the knowledge and skills they need to lead healthier lives. The Foundation works to create a culture where nutritious food is shared, appreciated, and celebrated. Through its award-winning efforts like the nationally offered Seed-to-Plate Nutrition Education™, Eat It! Food Adventures children's cookbooks and the VegOut! 30-Day Challenge, the Foundation works to make healthy food appealing and available to everyone. More at recipe4success.org.