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**RECIPE FOR SUCCESS SALUTES HOUSTON’S MOST STYLISH MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS AS THEY DRESS FOR DINNER**

“Fashion fades. Style is eternal.” – Yves Saint-Laurent

**Dateline Wednesday. Houston.** Last night was the wildly successful “*Dress for Dinner: The Fashion Gene Award*,” a tribute to Mother’s Day that celebrates the delights of family and fashion while raising money for Recipe for Success Foundation. Second in this year’s triple play of fantastically fashionable *Dress for Dinner* events, co-chairs, Yvonne Cormier and Claire Cormier Thielke, devised the new award to salute impeccable family style that transcends generations. With nearly \$10,000 in proceeds from the evening added to Recipe for Success Foundation coffers, it was the most successful Dress for Dinner event in three years, and plans are already afoot with last night’s host, high-fashion retailer Tootsies, for the 2013 awards, with celebrity hairdresser, Ceron, as the chair.

A woman is many things: mother, daughter, trendsetter, innovator.

The **2013 Fashion Gene Award Honorees** are: Liz and Katie Decker; Kathy and Jennifer McCord; Phoebe and Caroline Tudor; Arvia and Bradlee Few; Leisa and Laura Holland-Nelson; Brenda and Lindsey Love; Carolyn Mafrige and daughter Melissa Mithoff; Soraya McClelland and daughters Colleen Walker and Meg Barclay; Susie and Lizzy McGee; and Sultana and Salima Mangalji.

The loving audience of 250 fans was filled with husbands, boyfriends, family and friends offering up non-stop applause as their favorite mothers and daughters pirouetted and posed to the narration of CultureMap editor Clifford Pugh, who shared insights to their style secrets. To round out the evenings’ fashion presentation, Neal Hamil models showed off the season’s most coveted trends garnished with jewels from The Julie Collection. Philippe Schmit provided the nosh, and drinks, but nothing distracted guests from the shopping frenzy that followed the show, fueled in part by the most popular party favor—a one-night only \$25 Tootsies gift card.

Tickets are \$50 for fashion show and reception, and an additional \$300 for Dinner with Fashion Guru Ken Downing. 100% of ticket sales benefit RFS programming.

For more information, visit [www.recipe4success.org](http://www.recipe4success.org) Events: Dress for Dinner, or call Jenna White at 713-520-0443.

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