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## **INTERNATIONAL CHARITY BENEFIT FASHION SHOW TO EMPOWER GIRLS IN EGYPT THROUGH EDUCATION**

WASHINGTON, DC; September 7, 2007 — On September 23, the opening day of fashion week, “An International Passport to Style” charity benefit fashion show will be held at the Washington Times Ballroom in Washington, DC at 5:00pm. All proceeds from the event will benefit girls in Egypt through the Valuable Girl Project of Coptic Orphans, a project that empowers Egyptian girls by connecting younger girls with older girls in one-on-one educational mentoring relationships.

The event will highlight a multimedia showcase of original work by international fashion designers such as Adolfo Sanchez and Tsyndyma and will feature upcoming trends from prominent Washington, DC based casual wear and couture designers such as iKY and Tristan Blake. A silent auction will also feature exclusive items from Alex Boutique, Gold’s Gym, and many more.

The Valuable girl Project has proven highly successful in combating high female drop-out rates and boosting confidence for girls in areas in which child marriage and bias against girls are common. The project also brings girls together to forge relationships across religious and social boundaries that remain areas of tension in Egypt.

Coptic Orphans is an award-winning international Christian development organization that works with vulnerable children in Egypt to transform their local communities by breaking the cycles of poverty and injustice through literacy, education, advocacy, mentoring, and basic needs.

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