



Sarah & James Beattie's Fashion Show raises over £16,000 to help sick children and their families.

Charity Patrons, Sarah and James Beattie, have raised over £16,000 for The Sophie Barringer Trust, by organising a fundraising Modelling Competition and Fashion Show at the MacDonald Botley Park Hotel near Southampton.

17 models were selected from a modeling competition held at the hotel in September and went on to share the catwalk with Sarah and James Beattie, ex-football team mates Matthew Le Tissier and Francis Benali, and Ocean FM's Breakfast Presenter, Rick Jackson at the Fashion Show. One of the finalists included Bronze Olympic swimming medallist, Julia Beckett from Compton.



The finalists modelled a variety of outfits including; evening wear, day wear, bridal wear, ball gowns and lingerie. All of the clothing was kindly donated by local fashion outlets including; Ethel & Bob, nicki hill, Dress to Go, Dress to Impress, Wallis, Sakks, Foxy Lady, Hidden Agenda, Butterfly and Karen Millen.

The lucky winners were Claire Croucher, aged 19, from Fareham and Matt Watson, aged 17, from Bursledon. The pair were awarded with exclusive modelling contracts with LMP Models, and will begin their careers with a photo shoot with Listed Magazine in January. Claire, said: "I'm over the moon and really shocked, as it was completely unexpected. I only took part to help the charity, but am thrilled as it's been my dream since I was a little girl. I hope this is the beginning of my modelling career."

The evening also featured comedian Mike Osman as the Compere for the evening, performances by street and hip hop dance company, NoCo, as well as an auction, raffle, and a variety of stalls selling fashion related products.

Sarah Beattie concluded: "James and I feel passionately about The Sophie Appeal and the work that the appeal funds in both practice and research areas. We now look forward to the future. Every penny raised through the Fashion Show will be spent on making the lives of sick children and young adults a little easier."

For further information about the Trust, please visit www.sophiesappeal.org.

