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### Benefit includes tour of Ritz-Carlton models in North Hills

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A group of Manhasset design stores are collaborating on a fundraising event to spark interest in design.

On Oct. 1, attendees can enjoy design as they dine at the first Dining Through Design fundraiser to benefit the Katz Women's Hospital, in association with the Women's Health Institute of the North Shore-LIJ Health System and it's Every Woman Matters campaign .

From 6 to 9 p.m., visitors can mix a progressive dinner with lush interiors at

The Ritz-Carlton Residencies office, Roche-Bobois and Artistic Tile, all just off the Miracle Mile in Manhasset.

The progressive dinner idea was born out of the design community, which has been hard hit by the recession, says Richard Johnson with Artistic Tile. "People don't have to redecorate," he says, "but we wanted to bring people into our showrooms and get people interested in design again, and at the same time do some good."

Invitations are at the printers and an e-invite also will be going out. Each venue can hold 250 to 300 people, he says, and there is ample parking. "We're aligned with the Every Woman Matters campaign and Katz, so we'd love to support them," he says. Artistic Tile will donate 3 percent of sales from its Manhasset showroom in the month of October to the campaign, he says. The hospital's Every Woman Matters campaign will receive 100 percent of the proceeds from event ticket sales.

The Every Woman Matters campaign has supporting businesses donate a percentage of something they sell in one of three months -- May for Mother's Day, October for breast cancer awareness, and February for heart health month. So far, nine businesses have signed on for October, says Mindy Reade, with the North Shore/LIJ Health System Foundation.

At 6 p.m., guests gather at the Ritz-Carlton sales office, next to Macy's, for cocktails and a tour of model condominium residences planned for the 244-unit Ritz-Carlton Residences in North Hills, which is in pre-sales for the first phase of the development. The two- and three-bedroom units range in price from \$1.5 to \$5 million. The models will feature Ralph Lauren Home décor, with food from Mark of Excellence catering.

At 7, visitors head one block east to enjoy appetizers and fine wines at the contemporary Roche-Bobois furniture showroom at 1180 Northern Blvd.

The progressive dinner concludes with a main course, light dessert and entertainment in the Artistic Tile showroom less than a quarter mile away at 1500 Northern Blvd. Fare from Alan Feinstein's H on the Harbor will be served at 8 p.m. Musician and jewelry designer Ron Rizzo will entertain with acoustic rock, accompanied by James Ryan.

At 8:30 p.m. there will be a raffle of items including chairs from Roche-Bobois, a specially designed piece of jewelry from Ron Rizzo, and an Artistic Tile custom mosaic panel based on the jewelry design.

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