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Fashion Show to Help Single Mothers

Reawaken your fashion senses at the first annual Bethel Foundation “Catwalk for a Cause” fashion show on Nov. 7 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30.at the Oklahoma City Petroleum Club. The evening will be sure to bring fine dining with a preview of Oklahoma City’s best winter styles.

This is a chance for everyone to see, up close, what well-dressed men and women will be wearing this season as the models walk down the runway. To add to the excitement, Mrs. Oklahoma International 2008, Sasha Townshend, will be narrating the show.

"As an adult child of divorce, I look back on my mother's struggles as a single mom and know how grateful she would have been and how she would have benefited from the services that the Bethel foundation provides," Mrs. Oklahoma said. "I can only imagine the tears of joy and sense of gratitude a mom must feel to know that people are there for you, others understand your situation, and they are there to provide emotional support and tangible help.

"As Mrs. Oklahoma, I work to help children of divorce by sharing this same message. The Bethel Foundation does the same thing for single moms in need and I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

Tickets for the event are \$125 and will include a double entrée dinner with an open bar. All proceeds will be a direct donation to the Bethel Foundation to help ensure all of its great programs continue through 2009. To reserve your seat, please call 405-286-3700 or visit www.bethelfoundationusa.com. Seating is limited, so be sure to reserve yours now.

About Bethel:

Founder, Lynda K. Powell, was inspired to develop Bethel Foundation by her own experiences as a struggling single mother. We take our mission of making mothers more productive citizens to heart. We accomplish our mission by alleviating dependence on systems that inhibit a family's ability to take steps to provide a better life for their kids. Our belief is that strong families make a strong America, changing lives, one mom at a time.

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Sasha Townsend Biography

Sasha Townsend represented Tulsa at the Mrs. Oklahoma International pageant on May 10, 2008 at the Stillwater Community Center and was crowned Mrs. Oklahoma 2008. In addition to her crown, Sasha also won the eveningwear competition, the online people's choice award, and was selected by her peers as Mrs. Congeniality at the competition. In (INSERT MONTH), she represented Oklahoma at the Mrs. International competition, placing fourth runner-up among 47 outstanding married women from around the globe.

Sasha's platform fits perfectly with Bethel's Mission. She wants to strengthen Oklahoma families. As an adult child of divorce, she knows how hard it can be to deal with post-divorce transitions. She believes the transitions associated with divorce can be an opportunity for growth and the development of personal strength. So, during her reign as Mrs. Oklahoma 2008, Sasha has been working hard as an advocate on behalf of children of divorce and ways to prevent divorce from happening.

She put her mission into action by promoting programming for children of divorce and volunteering as a marital education workshop leader for the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative. She has spoken with many community leaders throughout Green Country to help implement Banana Splits programs, which are peer support groups for children of divorce.

Her work with the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative gives couples the tools they need to communicate and protect the positive aspects of their relationships. She believes this type of work is preventative, and helps strengthen family bonds.

Sasha resides in Tulsa with her husband Bobby where she is a magna cum laude college graduate with degrees in psychology and mathematics from the University of Tulsa and Oklahoma State University respectively. She has aspirations of becoming a math professor and is a teaching assistant/graduate student in Applied Mathematics at the University of Tulsa. Sasha spent her summer teaching calculus at Tulsa Community College, making appearances as Mrs. Oklahoma and promoting her platform of advocacy for children of divorce. She keeps busy for make the best out of her year as Mrs. Oklahoma.

Pictures available upon request.