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4th Annual HALO Fashion Show Career Workshops Benefiting at-risk youth in Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo. – [The HALO Foundation](#) presents “Independent Swag,” the 4th Annual Fashion Show on Friday, August 8, 2014, 6:00 -8:30 p.m., at Terrace on Grand, 1520 Grand Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64108.

Throughout summer, HALO youth will participate in a variety of workshops that teach career-based skills for the Fashion Show. Workshops held by students from [Paul Mitchell the School of Overland Park](#) teach Cosmetology and focus on inner beauty and confidence building. One of the youth's favorite aspects of preparing for the Show is getting to work with two celebrities, [Valerie Mayen](#) of “Project Runway” and local designer [Whitney Manney](#). The two celebs lead Fashion Design workshops teaching the basics of sewing and the creative process of fashion design. The event's MC, [Katie Van Luchene](#), of KC Magazine will introduce youth and their designs as they walk down the runway at the Fashion Show. Throughout these workshops and the Show, youth learn applicable skills for their lives and careers, learn to express themselves creatively, and gain priceless self-confidence.

“The Fashion Show really is such a magical night for our youth and guests,” said HALO Learning Center Director Carly Manijak. “Throughout the summer, youth explore their creativity, take part in educational workshops, and work with design professionals to create their runway outfits. They experience what it is like to work hard on something and show off their work. You see their self-confidence grow and the youth begin to realize their hopes and dreams can become a reality.”

Youth will also receive a back-to-school care package at the event as a surprise. This is to help HALO youth start the new school year with their best foot forward. If interested in donating school supplies, backpacks, shoes, jeans, restaurant gift cards, etc. please contact Carly Manijak at carlymanijak@haloworldwide.org.

Ticket prices range from \$30-\$100 based on seat location and an extended cocktail party.

To learn more, purchase tickets, or inquire about sponsorships, click [here](#) or call 913.548.8875. Click [here](#) to watch a video on last year's Fashion Show.

About The HALO Foundation

Featured on “American Spirit” of CBS Evening News and “Heroes Among Us” of PEOPLE magazine, The HALO Foundation empowers youth in the greatest need to become contributing members of their communities. HALO is a volunteer-driven, grassroots non-profit with more than 80 percent of donations going directly to programs. HALO serves more than 1,000 youth each year. Domestically, HALO supports future-focused programming for at-risk youth to help set tangible goals for becoming contributing members of their communities. HALO currently has HALO Centers in Kansas City, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and programming in New York, Portland, and Los Angeles. Internationally, HALO supports 11 orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, Mexico, India, and Nicaragua. This includes providing food, water, shelter, clothing, education, art therapy, caretakers, and vocational training or college for youth in the greatest need. Learn more at www.haloworldwide.org.