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To raise money for research into a rare disease, local children and teens with special needs participated in a fashion show Sunday at Peppino's Italian restaurant in Foothill Ranch.

About 120 people turned out for the Especially Beautiful Fashion Show, in which youth walked down a red carpet modeling Rove Clothing.

The event was organized to raise money for the Spooner Fund, set up to fund a research project proposed by the UC Irvine Division of Genetics and Metabolism into mitochondrial complex I disease, a rare disorder.

Two daughters of the Spooner family of Rancho Santa Margarita have the disease. The family, with UC Irvine geneticist Dr. Virginia Kimonis, hosted the Sunday event.

For more information, visit [facebook.com/spoonerfund](https://www.facebook.com/spoonerfund).

— Sarah de Crescenzo



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Daniella Bianco, 17, of Mission Viejo rocks the red carpet at the Especially Beautiful Fashion Show on Sunday at Peppino's restaurant in Foothill Ranch.



Cristy Spooner of Rancho Santa Margarita carries her youngest daughter, Ryann, 5, down the catwalk. Ryann and her older sister, Cali, have a rare genetic disease.



Cali Spooner, 14, is escorted by Asher Toler, 17, at the Especially Beautiful Fashion Show.



Emcee Nick Piatt jokes with Kaleana Ho, 17, of Rancho Santa Margarita, one of the teens who walked Sunday in the Especially Beautiful Fashion Show.



Kameryn Meter, 16, of Wagon Wheel models a Rove Clothing dress during the Especially Beautiful Fashion Show on Sunday.