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Westmounter Guest of Honour at Glam Guzzo Gala

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The white night was perfect. On September 10, the Guzzo family hosted *Notte in Bianco*, a fundraiser for cancer research. Partygoers, wearing white as instructed on the invitation, arrived in Lamborghinis, Mercedes, Ferraris and other gleaming vehicles, which were whisked away by black-clad lads from VIP Valet. Glam guests were greeted by Vincenzo Guzzo, VP, COO, Cinemas Guzzo, and his wife Maria, president of the Guzzo Foundation. Guest of honour Westmounter Dr. Jack Siemiatycki, attended with his lovely daughter, Emma, a law student. Jack holds the Guzzo Environment-Cancer Research Chair of the University



Westmounters Dr. Jack Siemiatycki and his daughter Emma.

of Montreal, which was established by the Guzzo Foundation in 2007.

Angelo Guzzo, president Cinemas Guzzo, and his wife Rosetta were amongst those strolling amidst the garden setting, complete with Adirondack chairs (all 100 or so painted white for this year's event), a roaring outdoor fire and a children's playground with swings and slides. During cocktails people enjoyed South Beach-style seating as they admired garden sculptures, including a large bull painted in Italian colours and brightly-coloured Alessi "animals." A white tent in one corner of the Guzzo estate housed a sit-down dinner, with 300 Philippe Starck-designed transparent chairs holding a Chanel gift for all.



Vincenzo and Maria Guzzo.

The soaring structure was decorated with real chandeliers, a pearl grey carpet, and gracious calla lilies. Westmount's Flore created the elegant décor. Noted in the crowd were senators Raymond Lavigne as well as Francis Fox, with his wife Vivian; Barry Garber, Francis Rosconi and Linda Delorme (from Pepsi), Evita Welch, Michel Trudel, Quebec fashion designer Michel Desjardins (with gorgeous models quickly surrounded by admirers!), actor Christine Solomon, singer Rosette Sharma, DJ Donald Lauture, Chloe Sainte-Marie, R&B star Deborah Cox, and Westmounter Jennifer Campbell. As handsome Sardinian-born Nicola Congiu (Niko) sang (including fave song "He Ain't Heavy"), listeners included award-winning film maker Rob Stewart (*Sharkwater 2007*) and Fabienne Larouche (*Lance et Compte*). Honorary presidents of *Notte in Bianco* were Richard Cacchione, president Hydro-Quebec Production and his wife Nathalie Hamel, SAQ Public Affairs and Communications. Monies raised (\$400,000) go to the environmental cancer research chair held by Dr. Siemiatycki.



Sonia Benezra, and Westmounters Sal and Rosie Parasuco.



Italian singing sensation Niko and Westmount's Dr. Terry Smith.



Denis D'Etcheverry (of Westmount's Flore), Eva Friede (Gazette Fashion Editor), Franco Rocchi (Senior VP, Le Chateau).