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Ladies were donning audacious hats and men were dapper from head to toe during the inaugural Connections 2 independence (C2i) Kentucky Derby fundraiser held at Warehouse Winery in St. Louis Park. The event that featured a hat contest, silent auction, fashion show and casino games, attracted a who's who of corporate honchos and area socialites and already has people anticipating next year's event. C2i executive director, Jessica Rogers coordinated the affair with proceeds going to benefit C2i, an organization that seeks to prepare and empower youth in foster care. Here are a few scenes from the party.



Showing a flair for the dramatic, (left to right) Deborah Gardner, host Vivian Moore, Nicole Foster and Yvette Reed lit up the room with their fashion forward styles.

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Jodie Duncan is all smiles with event chair, former Laker, Devan George.

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The beautiful Fatima Muhammad posing for the camera.



C21 foster Thomas Stone hamming it up during the fashion show portion of the event.

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Elmerdy's... All to the... with Lasone McKenzie and Faith McKenzie



What's a Kentucky Derby party without decadent hats? Ladies showing off their Derby styles.