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## KIDS Luncheon Honors Women

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Women in Prominent Positions gave Kids in Distressed Situations a hand Wednesday when KIDS held its fifth annual Women in Industry Luncheon at New York's Pierre Hotel.

Honorees included Lorna E. Nagler, president of Beall's Department Stores, introduced by Carole Postal, principal at CopCorp



Lorna E. Nagler and Janice Weinman

Licensing, and Mary Gleason, president of Schottenstein Luxury Group and its Judith Leiber, Adrienne Vittadini and Taryn Rose brands, who was introduced by Paul Rosengard, executive vice president and head of men's wear at Li & Fung USA.

Joe Boxer founder Nick Graham introduced honoree Joan Karron, executive vice president and principal of home textiles firm CHF Industries, who noted in her remarks that one in 50 schoolchildren lives in temporary housing or shelters. Nagler



Joan Karron and Nick Graham

urged attendees to help KIDS give families "a sense of hope."

Since its inception in 1985, KIDS has distributed over \$1 billion worth of new products to 67 million children. KIDS president Janice Weinman said, "This is an organization of heart and giving."

Other honorees included Risa

Goldberg and Leslie Venokur, founders of Big City Moms. Melissa Russo, government affairs reporter at WNBC-TV, was the emcee. Keynote speaker Teri Agins, fashion journalist and author of "The End of Fashion, The Mass Marketing of the Clothing Business," spoke about various programs and efforts to help children.

Kevin Burke, president and chief executive officer of the American Apparel & Footwear Association, is chairman of KIDS.