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3rd ANNUAL DC DESIGN HOUSE PREPARES FOR SPRING ARRIVAL

Top Regional Interior Designers to Transform Historical Chevy Chase Estate to Benefit Children's National Medical Center

January 20, 2010 (Washington, D.C.) – Lauded as one of the region's premier showcases for design, history and fine-living, the [3rd Annual DC Design House](#) will return this April to exhibit the extraordinary talents of the area's premier designers. In the weeks ahead, over twenty interior design experts will transform 3911 Bradley Lane in Chevy Chase, Md. with the best in today's home renovation and design ideas. Thousands are expected to visit the completed house when it opens in mid-April with ticket proceeds benefiting the Children's Hospital Foundation of the Children's National Medical Center.

Built in 1895, this year's Design House boasts over 10,000 square-feet with nine bedrooms and 10 bathrooms. Long considered a social landmark, the distinguished Beaux Arts home once served as residence to the Ambassadors of Mauritius and Uruguay and as the site for President Harry S. Truman's inauguration party.

"For our third year, we wanted to select a home whose historical significance, prestige and living spaces would beautifully complement the talents of our chosen designers," says Skip Singleton, DC Design House Co-Chair and Principal Broker of DC Living Real Estate, LLC. "This year's designs are poised to be our best yet, and we couldn't be happier to create a visual and inspirational experience for visitors that will in turn benefit the Children's National Medical Center."

The transformed DC Design House will officially open on Saturday, April 10 and remain open through May 9 for ticketed tours of over 15 inspired rooms and spaces. In addition, the public is invited to see the "before" version of the house on Saturday, February 27 (time TBA) as part of the Bare Bones Tour, where designers' presentation boards will be on view, illustrating their visions for the empty rooms.

Approximately 20 spaces including a living room, reception room, library, bedrooms, baths and more are part of this stately structure, ready and waiting for a new look. To date, participating designers include:

- Andrew Law of Andrew Law Interior Design (drawing room terrace)
- Barry Dixon of Barry Dixon, Inc. (drawing room)
- Victoria Sanchez of Victoria Sanchez Interiors (library)
- Shazalynn Cavin-Winfrey of SCW Interiors (entry and stair hall)
- Nestor Santa-Cruz (reception room)
- Frank Babb Randolph (living room)
- Sarah Wessel of Sarah Wessel Designs, Ltd. (sun room)
- Basha White of Basha White Interiors (dining room)
- Clive Christian Kitchens (butlers pantry, kitchen, porch)

- Sally Steponkus of Sally Steponkus Interiors (master bedroom)
- Celia Welch (master dressing room)
- Rose DiNapoli of Morris DiNapoli (study)
- Michael Hampton of Michael Hampton Design (guest bedroom)
- Barbara Franceski of Barbara Franceski LLC (guest sitting room)
- Lisa Adams of Adams Design, Inc. (boy's bedroom and bathroom)
- Page Palmer of Page Palmer Interior Design (girl's bedroom)
- Kelley Proxmire of Kelly Interior Design (family living room)
- Tracy Morris of Tracy Morris Design (artist's studio)
- Cynthia Ferranto of Cynthia Ferranto Landscape Design (landscaping)

Tickets are \$20 per person for a one-time visit during open hours and area also available in advance at www.dcdesignhouse.com. Most of the furnishings in each room of the DC Design House will be available for sale. A percentage of the sale of these items will benefit Children's National Medical Center.

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About DC Design House

The Washington, DC Design House was developed in 2008 to build on a longstanding tradition of designer showhouses in the region, with a goal to raise funds for charitable organizations. Established by business partners and husband-and-wife co-chairs Skip and Debbie Singleton in partnership with an all-volunteer team of sponsors, organizers, regional media, design industry manufacturers and some of the nation's most awarded and widely recognized interior designers, the DC Design House quickly earned a following with more than 7,500 visitors, and more than \$100,000 raised for Children's National Medical Center in 'each of its first two years.' The tradition continues with the '2010' DC Design House, 'now established as' the region's foremost annual residential design attraction. For more information, visit www.dcdesignhouse.com.

About Children's National Medical Center

Children's National Medical Center, a leader in the development of innovative treatments for childhood illness and injury, is known for its world-class care and research. Among the top pediatric hospitals in America, as ranked by both U.S. News & World Report and the prestigious Leapfrog Group, Children's National has served the nation's children since 1871. As the largest non-governmental provider of pediatric care, each year Children's provides nearly \$50 million in uncompensated care. As a nonprofit hospital, Children's National relies on the generous support of individuals, corporations, and foundations to meet the health needs of children regionally, nationally, and internationally. For more information, visit www.childrensnational.org.

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