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2ND ANNUAL DC DESIGN HOUSE EMERGES FOR SPRING
*Top Regional Interior Designers to Transform Historic St. John's Episcopal Church
Rectory in Georgetown to Benefit Children's National Medical Center*

[Washington DC] – Design, history, fine living and a worthy cause come together once again for the 2009 Washington, DC Design House, the region's premiere residential design showcase, and the second iteration of this successful project. In just a couple weeks, DC's top interior designers will takeover the rectory of St. John's Episcopal Church, Georgetown Parish, and transform it 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, and for the second year in a row proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Children's Hospital Foundation of the Children's National Medical Center.

The transformed DC Design House will officially open on Saturday, April 18 for three weeks through May 10, for ticketed tours of the 16 inspired rooms and spaces. The public is invited to see the "before" version of the house on Saturday, February 28, from 11AM – 4PM as part of the Bare Bones Tour, where designers' presentation boards will be on view, illustrating their visions for the empty rooms. This year's DC Design House is also a featured home on the 2009 Georgetown House Tour (www.georgetownhousetour.com) on Saturday, April 25th from 11AM – 5PM. The Georgetown House Tour is the longest running continuous tour of private homes in America and benefits St. John's Episcopal Church.

- What:** 2009 DC Design House
A showcase of the best of interior design from Washington regional residential designers
- Where:** The Church Rectory of St. John's Episcopal Church, Georgetown Parish
3238 O Street, NW, Washington DC 20007
- When:** Bare Bones Tour – Saturday, February 28th, 11AM – 4PM
Design House open Saturday, April 18th through Sunday, May 10th
- Hours:** Tuesday – Friday: 10am – 3pm
Saturday, 11am – 5pm and Sunday, 1pm – 5pm
- Admission:** Tickets are \$20 per person for a one-time visit during open hours, and are available in advance at www.dcdesignhouse.com. Advance ticket purchases are advised to avoid delays.
- Other:** No children under the age of 8 are permitted, including infants. No strollers, no pets, no photography or high heels will be permitted on the site. The house is not handicap accessible.

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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. Furnishings purchases can be made on site via cash, check or credit card payment.

The DC Design House was developed by husband and wife team Skip and Debbie Singleton, of DC Living Real Estate, LLC, who co-chair again this year, with an all-volunteer Executive Committee and Design Advisory Panel to execute the large project. "We are so thrilled to be partnering with St. John's Episcopal Church for the 2009 DC Design House," says Skip Singleton. "Not only will Children's National Medical Center benefit from what we hope is an overwhelming response to see the Design House, but once the event is over the St. John's rectory will have received enhancements to help preserve and update it's rich interiors," he added.

Approximately 16 spaces including a kitchen, living room, parlors, library, bedrooms, baths and more are part of this stately structure, ready and waiting for a new look. To date, participating designers include: Michael Roberson of Michael Roberson Interior Design; Joseph Ireland of JD Ireland; David Mitchell of David H. Mitchell and Associates; Susan Thompson of Susan Thompson Interior Design, LLC; Draza Stamenich of Draza, LLC; Iantha Carley of Iantha Carley Interiors, and John Petro of Petro Design Build, among others.

The rectory for St. John's Church is a three-story Victorian mansion built in 1874-1875 at a cost of approximately \$12,000, and the house remains a fine example of period architecture in the heart of Georgetown. The property was originally purchased in 1770 by John Kreager of Frederick Co., Maryland, and was later sold in 1809 for \$250 and passed through several hands until Richard Cruikshank purchased it in 1836. Mr. Cruikshank sold a portion of the property to St. John's Vestry in 1855, which allowed the church to eventually build the house as it stands today.

The 2009 DC Design House sponsors and partners include: DC Living Real Estate, LLC; Supon Creative; Blue Water Media; The Georgetown House Tour; the Georgetown BID / French Market; SPIN DC; Farrow & Ball Inc; Washington Spaces magazine; Howrey LLP; Tobin O'Connor & Ewing; Treacy & Eagleburger Architects, PC and Bond Beebe, Accountants & Advisors.

About DC Design House

The Washington, DC Design House was developed in 2008 to build on a longstanding tradition of designer show houses 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 its inaugural year. The tradition continues with the 2009 Design House, poised to become 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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