



SHOWHOUSE 2005
D Home

Volunteers introduce *D Home* Showhouse supporting Children's Legacy to community

Eleven months is all the time it took to create the masterpiece of the *D Home* Showhouse – 11 months, and several thousand very busy helping hands: planning committee members, architects, construction workers, Children's employees and *D Home* magazine staff members and an abundance of volunteers. All proceeds from tickets sales and a portion of the funds from the sale of furniture and accessories in the home benefit the construction of Children's Medical Center Legacy.

dozens of businesses who cooperate together to help the community. Rambie organized the group's volunteer participation with the Showhouse and assisted with publicity for the event.

"Our focus is to benefit the community, and for me, nothing supports the community better than supporting Children's," Rambie said. "There are a lot of people with a tremendous heart to volunteer, and we use our contacts to introduce people to Children's. Once people learn what a special place Children's is, it's hard not to become emotionally engaged and to become part of the family of people who just want to support and honor Children's any way we can."

Neoclassical theme

Top Dallas interior designers were invited by *D Home* magazine to coordinate a neoclassical theme throughout the house. Among its features were select antiques mixed with contemporary furnishings; outstanding paintings; unique chandeliers and lighting fixtures; a screening room theater; state-of-the-art "smart house" electronics to coordinate lighting and sound, adjust internal temperatures and monitor security; and an outdoor lap pool and spa.

The most notable rooms included the opulent home theater, which is reminiscent of well-known American movie palaces from the early to mid 20th century; the expansive and inviting outdoor loggia at the back of the house, which was fully accoutered with a large dining table, full grill, couches and armchairs, all overlooking a vanishing-edge pool back-dropped by large trees; and the upstairs card room, where the room's octagonal shape, warm colors and deep draperies provided a perfect frame for the sunlight streaming in through four walls of floor-to-ceiling windows.

Rambie summed up the house very simply: "The Showhouse was wonderful – there was something in it for everyone." n



Members of The ReSource Group sit together in the loggia of the *D Home* Showhouse prior to their volunteer shift. During the time the Showhouse was open for tours, employees from Children's and 19 additional Dallas-based corporations adopted volunteer shifts to staff the house.

From Sept. 28 through Oct. 23, employees at Children's and 19 additional corporations, individuals and organizations adopted shifts to staff the Showhouse, providing about 500 volunteers to act as docents for the home tour. Volunteers helped countless visitors find their way through the more than 10,000-square-foot, designer-decorated home.

Devin Rambie, a member of the Children's Trustee Council, is one of the founders of The ReSource Group, a network of various real estate professionals from

D Home Showhouse corporate volunteer groups

Alliance Data	National Charity League
Children's Medical Center	Nordstrom
Downtown Dallas Rotary	RBC Dain Rauscher
Ebby Halliday, REALTORS	The Adolphus
EDS	The Children's Trust
Granite Properties	The ReSource Group
Junior League of Plano	Women's Auxiliary to Children's Medical Center
Keller Williams Realty, Plano	
Lennox International	



The finished *D Home* Showhouse was open from Sept. 28 through Oct. 23 as a showcase of some of the best architecture and interior design Dallas has to offer.

Showhouse by the numbers

- 11 months from initial idea to opening day
- 14 interior designers
- 907 construction workers
- 30,740 bricks
- 23,000 staples
- 122,000 screws
- 253,000 nails
- 57,898 linear feet of wiring
- 15 sinks
- 9 toilets
- 83 windows
- 72 doors
- 542 light bulbs
- 614 gallons of paint
- 2765 square feet of glass
- 5,900 plants/trees
- 31 tons of air condition
- 18,000 roof tiles
- 123 fire sprinkler heads
- 434 checks written to suppliers
- 500 community volunteers



Lights of Legacy benefits Children's

On Nov. 19, The Shops at Legacy in Plano celebrated the 4th Annual Lights of Legacy Treelighting Festival benefiting Children's Medical Center Legacy.

The family holiday festival centered around the lighting of a 65-foot tall Christmas tree showered with a portion of the more than half a million lights that will illuminate the shopping plaza throughout the holiday season.

In addition to the treelighting, other activities included carolers, kids' crafts, face painting, jugglers, pictures with Santa, Mrs. Claus, the snow queen and the Radio Disney Jingle Jam live music concert with bands B5 and Everlife. During the evening, carriage rides toured the picturesque Bishop Park and Legacy Town Center surrounding The Shops at Legacy.



Top: Children frost and decorate their own holiday cookies as one of the many activities at The Lights of Legacy.

Above: A group of children pose for the camera early in the evening before setting off to explore the "Winter Wonderland" of activities.

Left: Children's accounting employee Sammy Cox, a volunteer at the Lights of Legacy Treelighting, helps with popcorn concessions, one of the many ways the event raised money for Children's Medical Center Legacy.