

CharityWorks GreenHouse

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CharityWorks Greenhouse Announces 2009 Designers

CharityWorks GreenHouse, a designer showcase to benefit Friendship Public Charter School, generated a buzz of excitement within the design community. Seventy one entries were logged for eighteen available spaces in the GreenHouse which will feature best practices in sustainable construction and design. Design Committee members: Barry Dixon, Barry Dixon Interiors (Design Committee Chair); Victoria Neale, Victoria Neale Interiors, LLC; Skip Sroka, Sroka Design, Inc. and Mark Lowham (Executive Vice President, West*Group) evaluated each design on originality and the inspired use of eco-friendly fabrics, paints, wall coverings, furnishings and accessories.

Joining Dixon, Neale and Sroka on the CharityWorks GreenHouse design team are interior designers: Nancy Colbert, Design Partners, LLC; Miriam Dillon & Rebecca Foley, Custom Design Concepts; Susan Gulick, Susan Guick Interiors; Annette Hannon, Annette Hannon Interior Design, Ltd.; Barbara Hawthorn, Barbara Hawthorn Interiors, Ltd.; Charlotte Palmer Lekakos, Willard and Palmer; Gary Lovejoy, Gary Lovejoy Associates, Inc.; Lynni Megginson, L&M Design; Sandra Meyers, Sandra Meyers Design Studio, LLC; Raj Radhakrishnan, Raji RM & Associates; Michael Roberson, Michael Roberson Interior Design; Ernesto Santalla, Studio Santalla; Cynthia Sayers, Creative Design Solutions; and Dee Thornton, Houseworks Interiors.

The CharityWorks GreenHouse will open to the public for three weeks in October of 2009. The GreenHouse will provide a platform for aesthetic and educational experiences. West*Group's Mark Lowham initiated the project in conjunction with builder Mark Turner of GreenSpur, Inc. From the outset the goal was to showcase how innovative design and construction, renewable energy systems, and a walkable location can be combined to reduce significantly our carbon footprint. The house is designed to exceed current USGBC's LEED Platinum standards, the highest ranking for green building.

CharityWorks makes connections between dreams and reality, transforming non-profit organizations and the lives they touch. This year, proceeds from the GreenHouse will help Friendship School expand its program which currently helps over 4,000 students in DC, many of whom live in poverty. Thanks to a gifted array of designers and the project sponsors, dreams for many of these children will become reality.