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### ***ASID Picks Katie's House For Community***

#### ***Service Project***

So much progress has been made since I last communicated with you that I thought a summer update on the status and plans for Katie's House would be in order.

We are happy to report that Katie's House has been chosen by the **American Society for Interior Design** as its special community service project for 2006. Carrie Oesmann spearheaded the project and with other representatives of **ASID** visited our facility before making their selection and we are happy to report, as usual, Katie made a wonderful impression... she has always been our very best "sales person"! The picture below was taken during a visit of volunteer designers and clearly shows Katie at her charming best.

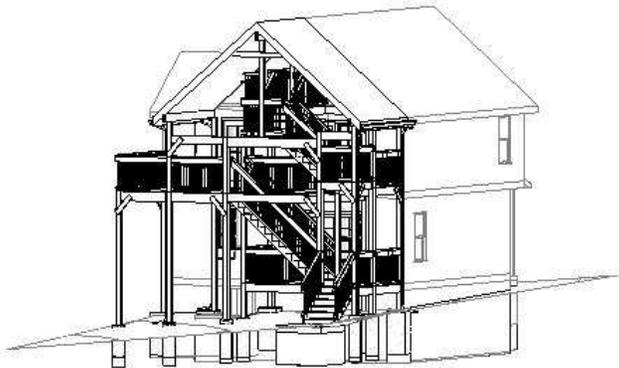


We are working closely with 20 designers on this project and thanks to their decorating skills and contacts we have already received donations of furniture, kitchen cabinets, counters, bathroom vanities and kitchen appliances. Also carpeting and floor and wall tiles for both

the kitchen and bathrooms plus other furnishings have been donated. We are now actively soliciting volunteers to help with installation of the above plus interior painting and sheet rocking. Contractors have already installed all new electric and plumbing throughout the house and new front and side doors have been purchased..

Another pressing need and expensive is to install exterior egresses for the first, second and third floors. This last item is especially critical, since we cannot open the house unless it is

complete. We have engaged the services of an Architect to design these egresses... a perspective of what it will look like when complete is shown on the left.



This is not a small undertaking... nor an inexpensive one either. Our current estimate to perform this work is \$27,000 and is now our most pressing need. As mentioned above, this is essential to our being able to open Katie's House.

Thanks to your generosity and more recently to the help that we have received from the ASID, much has been accomplished. But, as you can see, more needs to be done. Depending on our success in raising funds to cover the cost of the exterior egresses our hope is that Katie's House will be available for occupancy about this time next year.

Sincerely, Evelyn Dudzic  
Executive Director

***Leverage your donations...*** many employers encourage giving and charitable works by their employees. Much of this money goes unused. If your employer has such a program we will help you with the paperwork that might result in a grant for Katie's House. We are planning a large scale mailing to determine which employers have such programs. You can help us by providing your employer's address so that we properly target the mailing. Thanks for your support and assistance

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Help give purpose to the lives of individuals with disabilities***

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