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DC Design House Closes Its Doors After 10 Years **After Raising More Than \$2 Million in 10 Years for Children's National, the Annual Showhouse is Ending**

(WASHINGTON, DC, February 2018) --- The Board of Directors for DC Design House, Inc., the 501(c)3 nonprofit that oversees the running of the annual showhouse, voted unanimously to disband the nonprofit after raising \$290,000 during the 2017 DC Design House last October and more than \$2 million in 10 years. Founding members of the DC Design House include Co-Founder and Corporate Officer Skip Singleton, Co-Founder Debbie Singleton, Corporate Officer and Designer Liaison Taylor Wells, and the late Sandy Steele, who was a corporate officer. Additional members of the Board of Directors include Kathy Barker, Susan Hayes Long, Sherry Moeller, Sharon Putterman, and Randie Reilly.

"We all want to proudly end the DC Design House on a high note for what we collectively achieved," says Skip Singleton, principal of DC Living Real Estate. "We are grateful for our all-volunteer staff working hard throughout the years to keep costs low in an effort to maximize our annual donation to Children's."

After discussing a range of ways to continue, the board decided that it was time to end the annual showhouse with gratitude for everyone involved in supporting the event including the DC area's top designers, Children's Health Board who provided docents, our benefactor Children's National Health System, our media sponsor *Home & Design*, and the vast number of sponsors, vendors including boutiques, and volunteers who helped make the annual event a success.

"I would like to congratulate and thank all of our designers over this incredible decade and the boutique vendors who gave everyone a reason to shop," says DC Design House Chair Susan Hayes Long. "I also want to thank all of the volunteers, including members of the Children's Health Board for the countless hours, and finally bravo to the first four who came up with this project to benefit Children's – Skip Singleton, Debbie Singleton, Taylor Wells, and the late Sandy Steele. This event was totally a labor of love."

Highlights over the years include October 2017's Decade of Design celebrations that occurred throughout the month-long event at the Potomac, Maryland showhouse including a daily café in the poolhouse, four boutiques in the five-bay garage, and special events in the home's ballroom. Other DC Design House locations included McLean, Virginia and Chevy Chase, Maryland with seven of the 10 Design Houses located in Washington, DC.

"It has been an honor to work alongside DC area designers, the dedicated board and executive committee, as well as the Washington Design Center that provided endless support," adds Taylor Wells.

"It's always been more than a month-long event; it was a year-long effort for our dedicated board, executive committee and volunteers," says Skip Singleton. "And we want to thank each and every one of them for making the DC Design House the success it was."

About the DC Design House

The Washington, DC Design House, a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity, began in 2008 as a unique design show house event for the DC Metro area in which top area designers showcased their talents into a "flowing design home" to raise funds for a local charity. What started as a single event goal to raise funds for Children's National Health System developed into the region's foremost annual residential design attraction and as a leading annual fundraiser event for Children's National. Established by business partners and husband-and-wife founders Skip and Debbie Singleton, Principals of DC Living Real Estate, LLC, as well as Founding Members Taylor Wells and the late Sandy Steele, 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 designers, the DC Design House quickly earned a following with more than 90,000 visitors and more than \$2 million raised for Children's National during its 10 years. For more information, visit www.dcdesignhouse.com, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).