IKEA Life Improvement Challenge 2015
List of Charitable Project Submissions & Winners

ARIZONA
Tempe

The Center for Habilitation (TCH)
TCH provides services that support, care for, and empower children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities. Their classrooms are used for participant dining, arts and crafts, and leisure time. TCH needs new furnishings in these spaces that are more comfortable, inviting, and functional. A makeover of these spaces would provide a better visual representation of TCH’s mission, as well as improving the common space for the participants and staff. WINNER!

Child Crisis Center
Child Crisis Center works to ensure every child lives in a safe environment and has the opportunities to grow and succeed. They operate an emergency shelter for abused and neglected children. This shelter needs new cabinets for its enrichment room, desks and shelving for their case manager office, and new furnishings for the living area. Making over these spaces would give children in the program a safer, cozier environment where they can play and be kids.

CALIFORNIA

Burbank

Burbank Community Day School
Burbank Community Day School provides a supportive atmosphere for students grades 7-12 who are having difficulties with behavior, attendance, and/or grades; with the goal of students returning to comprehensive school. They also have a garden that students maintain with a senior artist colony. A makeover of their kitchen would give students a better space to cook what they grow. These changes would include a prep area and storage for the cooked food and vegetables. WINNER!

Carson

Rainbow Services
Rainbow Services provides services and shelter for anyone wishing to escape the cycle of domestic violence, as well as violence education to the community at large. The Children’s Room at their Community Outreach Center in San Pedro gives the children they serve a place to learn and play while their mothers receive support. A makeover of this space would create a safe and inspirational space for the wide age of kids that they accommodate. WINNER!
Dream Catcher LA

Dream Catcher LA Therapeutic Riding Centers improves the lives of children, adults, and veterans with disabilities through therapeutic horseback riding and other equine-assisted activities. Dream Catcher has a new classroom for special-needs children that they will be using for speech, occupational, art, and physical therapies. Furnishing this space with chairs, desks, and other classroom materials would provide an inside venue for the many therapies they provide, as well as space for the volunteers.

Women Shelter of Long Beach

Women Shelter of Long Beach (WSLB) strives to eliminate domestic violence through compassionate intervention, education, and personal empowerment. The Children’s Service Center at their shelter is where individual and group counseling with the children takes place, as well as art therapy, and recreational activities. Redesigning the Children’s Service Center to include better storage and new furnishings would make the space feel more like a home for the children WSLB works with.

Costa Mesa

Someone Cares Soup Kitchen

Someone Cares Soup Kitchen provides meals to anyone hungry and provides education for children in the local community. The dining area is currently used for both serving food and an after-school tutoring program. A redesign of the dining area and office would provide a more organized and dynamic space for the people this organization serves. **WINNER!**

Seneca Family of Agencies

Seneca Family of Agencies is determined to more effectively meet the needs of children in group homes and foster families. They offer unconditional care to help children and families through the most difficult times of their lives. Their office area and two of their meeting rooms need furnishing and organization. A makeover of these spaces would complement the high quality services Seneca provides its clients by providing a warm, welcoming, and comfortable environment for treatment.

Covina

The Mulhall Family Center

The Mulhall Family Center provides wellness resources to families in the El Monte area, focusing on family health, including at risk youth, pregnant teens, dental care, and more. They would like to convert a currently unused room in a counseling area and waiting area for teens. Redesigning this space will create a comfortable area for those seeking counseling, as well as a morale boost for staff who work with at-risk teens in the local community. **WINNER!**
The Children’s Advocacy Center

The Children’s Advocacy Center serves children that have been victims of sexual and physical abuse. They provide assessment and treatment services in a supportive environment with the best professional standards that optimize positive outcomes and reduce trauma. A makeover of two rooms used for interviewing child victims and witnesses would create a more welcoming space, that would hopefully reduce the trauma clients face during the interviewing process.

East Palo Alto

Building Futures Now

Building Futures Now develops the academic and interpersonal potential of disadvantaged students. They offer educational opportunities and long-term support to empower students with the academic and self-advocacy skills needed to thrive in higher education and beyond. The reading area/multipurpose room lacks storage for school supplies and the kids’ belongings. One of their classrooms needs new chairs and desks. A makeover would uplift the participants by providing them with an organized, safe, and kid-friendly environment for learning. **WINNER!**

Second Chance, Inc.

Second Chance, Inc. helps people help themselves. They run a residential shelter for homeless people in Newark, CA in need of shelter, food, and basic needs. Their living/dining area is currently used for social activities and family interaction. This room is in need of a refurnishing, to create a safer environment that feels like home to their residents.

Emeryville

Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency

Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (BOSS) helps homeless and disabled people achieve health and self-sufficiency, as well as fighting the root causes of poverty and homelessness. McKinley Family Transitional House houses homeless children and families who are transitioning to permanent housing. After extensive use for the past 27 years, this space could use a makeover. Refurnishing this space would create a warm living environment, and positively impact the children’s well-being. **WINNER!**

Compass Clara House

Compass Clara House is a program helps displaced families gain the tools necessary to achieve permanent housing and financial stability. They also provide temporary housing, work-training, employment assistance, educational support, daycare, and after-school tutoring. Several of their client’s apartments and their Community room need refurnishing, since they are used by many different families over the years. A makeover of these spaces would provide families with hope and a sense of home.
George Mark Children’s House

George Mark Children’s House serves families with seriously ill children who are seeking family-centered medical care. They strive to be an extension of home, emphasizing the quality of life in a compassionate atmosphere for patients that do not need a full children’s hospital’s resources. Their Family Suites offer a place for families to stay during this stressful time. Refurnishing this space will create a sanctuary for parents and their children, hopefully making this time more comfortable.

San Diego

San Diego Center for Children

The San Diego Center for Children works to protect the joy of childhood, prevent emotional suffering, promote wellbeing, and incite change in their local community. Their Teen Center’s kitchen is used for life skills cooking classes and dining. The kitchen is outdated and not functional for its everyday purposes. A makeover of this space will help to bring the group together through more dynamic communal space, as well as better resources for learning. **WINNER!**

McAlister Institute for Treatment and Education

McAlister Institute for Treatment and Education provides professional treatment services that heal the lives of individuals and families, recovering from drug and alcohol abuse, improving the quality of life in communities through the miracle of recovery. They offer infant and toddler daycare, but the space currently lacks functional furniture and inspiration. A makeover would create an inviting, safe space for the children that the institute works with.

West Sacramento

Sweet Dreams Foundation

Sweet Dreams Foundation works to improve the quality of life for children who have life-threatening diseases through the creation of their dream bedrooms. They take time to create the most custom uplifting bedroom atmosphere for each child. This project would include a product donation including: bedding, soft toys, mattresses, bed frames, etc. Helping to furnish the rooms that Sweet Dreams designs would help a suffering child have a fun space to call their own. **WINNER!**

Food Literacy Center

Food Literacy Center works to teach Californians the story of their food. Their program works with children from low-income areas to educate them about healthy cooking and eating habits. The program’s kitchen area needs storage and a redesign to increase student capacity. The backyard is not currently used due to a lack of funds, but with furnishings and decorations, it could be used as a garden and host donor events.
ASES/ Club West

ASES/ Club West Teen program provides clubs, homework assistance, daily snacks, games, and access to computers for homework. ASES works to encourage schools to provide safe and educationally enriching alternatives afterschool. The main room that students use for this program lacks storage for backpacks and supplies, as well as tables and chairs for activities. Refurnishing this space would create a more organized and dynamic environment for safe afterschool learning and fun.

COLORADO

Centennial

FRIENDS of Broomfield

FRIENDS of Broomfield creates opportunities for teens and adults with developmental disabilities through innovative and person-centered supports, to help transition them to a lifestyle of independence. The Sensory Room is currently unfurnished, and in need of seating, window treatments, storage, and additional furnishings to create a comforting space for participants. A makeover of this space would provide a quiet space when participants feel over-stimulated, as well as a meeting place to discuss activities. **WINNER!**

It Takes a Village

It Takes a Village has a mission to reduce health and social disparities among people of color in the Denver/Aurora metropolitan area. Their reception area has a lack of seating, and does not have enough storage for things like coats, seating, and office supplies. A makeover of their reception area would provide a renewed sense of pride for the 10 programs that this organization offers to the local community.

Judi’s House

Judi’s House supports children and young adults who are mourning the loss of a loved one. They provide participants with opportunities to participate in support groups and to learn healthy coping mechanisms. Their meeting room for children ages 3-10 needs comfortable seating, and an overall redesign to make a more fun and kid-friendly environment. A makeover of this space would add comfort and cheer to the room for the children Judi’s House works with.
CONNECTICUT

New Haven

The Children’s Center of Hamden

The Children’s Center of Hamden cares for children and teenagers who struggle with serious emotional, behavioral, psychological, and social problems. Their welcome room and waiting room areas are used for welcoming troubled teens as they wait for their counseling sessions. The areas are outdated and need more comfortable furnishings. A makeover of these spaces would create a haven for the kids the center cares for as they take steps to improve their lives. WINNER!

All Our Kin, Inc.

All Our Kin builds high-quality sustainable family child care programs, to give vulnerable children the early learning experiences that they need and deserve. Their training space is used for to teach child-care providers on an almost nightly basis. Training topics range from including children with disabilities, to increasing financial sustainability. A redesign of the space along with more seating and flexible furnishings could help them serve more providers during these training sessions.

FLORIDA

Miami

Successful Transition Education Program

Successful Transition Education Program for Students (STEPS) is a student-driven, teacher supported program designed for intellectually disabled students to develop skills in independent living, vocational and employment training, and social skills. Their program has been integrated into Braddock Senior High School, and includes a Home Living Skills Lab. Providing furnishings and equipment for this lab would allow participants to gain hands-on experience with life skills that are necessary for future independent living and employment. WINNER!

United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida

United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida works to positively impact the quality of life for people with cerebral palsy or other developmental disabilities, and their family members by providing services and supports. Their Baby House project has a new facility under construction that needs furnishings for its reception area. Furnishing this space will provide comfort for residents of the home, as well as functionality for the staff and residents.
Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship

Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship provides programs that inspire young people from low-income communities to stay in school to recognize business opportunities and to plan for successful futures. Their Start It Up Space is a large, centrally located space within the Miami Dade College campus for visiting, working, and collaborating. The new space needs furnishings that are versatile and functional. Furnishing this space will help their students reach their fullest potential through education and entrepreneurship.

Orlando

B.A.S.E. Camp Children’s Center

B.A.S.E. Camp provides a base of support for children and families facing the challenge of cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. Their front meeting room is used for family support groups, teen events, parents’ days out, etc. The space is in need of storage solutions, as well as comfortable furnishings. They are a place to find comfort, friends, and encouragement; and a makeover of this space would help to achieve that sense of comfort and hope.

The Russell Home for Atypical Children

The Russell Home for Atypical Children is “home” for a number of children whose handicaps prevent their independent functioning in the community. They provide 24/7 specialized care, part-time day care, and temporary respite care. The classroom is currently doubling as a dining area, and kitchen space is constrained. A redesign of this space would allow for separate designated areas for learning and dining. This makeover would allow Russell Home to care for more children more effectively.

Sunrise

Children’s Diagnostic and Treatment Center

Children’s Diagnostic and Treatment Center provides family centered, comprehensive medical treatment to children and youth with special health care needs. Their main lobby and adjacent waiting room, including children’s play spaces, have old furnishings that are unsafe for parents and their children. A makeover of these spaces would provide increased functionality, and a more uplifting environment for the children they work with. WINNER!

HANDY

HANDY’s mission is to embrace, educate, and empower vulnerable youth to become productive adults. Their reception area and program rooms are used for afterschool activities, tutoring, mentoring, therapy, and life coaching. The rooms are currently outdated, uncoordinated, and disorganized. The spaces feel confined and lack privacy for the one-on-one sessions. Redesigning and making over these rooms would help HANDY better serve more children and improve the quality of the services they offer.
Broward Children’s Center

Broward Children’s Center promotes the health and happiness of those with disabilities by offering health, wellness, educational, recreational, and therapeutic services. These services are provided by specialists in a home-like environment, but the furnishings in their main lobby are outdated and insufficient for the number of clients they serve. A makeover including more comfortable, functional seating would brighten these spaces, helping to offer an even more positive experience for children and their families.

Tampa

The Spring of Tampa Bay

The Spring of Tampa Bay works to prevent domestic violence, protect victims, and promote change in lives, families, and communities. Their domestic violence residential facility houses displaced families. Their donation area needs better storage solutions, and the common area needs comfortable, functional furniture. This makeover would provide a safe refuge space for the at-risk families to spend time together. **WINNER!**

A Kid’s Place

A Kid’s Place provides foster care and a loving home for abused, neglected, or abandoned children. They operate five homes for children, each with a play room. These rooms are very basic and need furnishings that will create a comfortable space for children to play. The play rooms lack color, storage for toys, and rugs. A makeover would create a magical space to play and learn - better serving the children at A Kid’s Place.

GEORGIA

Atlanta

CHRIS Kids

CHRIS Kids works to heal abused and neglected children, strengthen families, and build community in metro Atlanta. Their group homes offer a safe home for children in foster care with mental health and other therapeutic needs. A makeover of one of these group homes would hopefully inspire the children to take care and responsibility for their surroundings, unlocking their potential for self-sufficiency. **WINNER!**

Love Beyond Walls

Love Beyond Walls raises awareness of societal needs through technology and storytelling and mobilize people to take part in it. Their meeting area and storage area need redesigns, giving volunteers more space to sort items, and a more productive space for board meeting. More functional and flexible shelving will allow easier access to the resources, making it simpler to get people what they need.
ILLINOIS

Bolingbrook

Hesed House

Hesed House is the second largest homeless shelter in Illinois. They provide food, clothing, shelter, and hope to the homeless. A makeover of some of their apartment spaces will bring hope and comfort to the people that are transitioning from the street back to homes. **WINNER!**

Will County’s Children Advocacy Center

The Will County Children’s Advocacy Center provides services to children who are victims of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse, including child sensitive interviews for law enforcement purposes, counseling, medical exams, legal advocacy, and community resource referrals. Their office space and interview rooms need new furnishings to create a more pleasant and comfortable atmosphere for the children they work with.

Family Outreach Program

Family Outreach Program, Inc. is committed to bringing nutritious, balanced food to persons and families living under the poverty line. A makeover of their food storage space would allow for a more efficient collection and distribution process. Freshly furnished office space would make meetings with volunteers and clients more comfortable and professional.

Schaumburg

Heartland Alliance Marjorie Kovler Center

Heartland Alliance Marjorie Kovler Center helps transform the lives of individuals recovering from the complex consequences of politically sanctioned torture by providing medical, mental health, and social services free of charge. Their Community Room is used for volunteer trainings, special events, and an international cooking group. A redesign of this space would create a more functional and inviting space for individuals in their healing processes. **WINNER!**

Connections for Abused Women and Children

Connections for Abused Women and Children provides comprehensive domestic violence services using a self-help empowerment approach. Their programs work to help women establish security while renewing their hope for a violence-free future. The children’s therapy room is used daily for individual and group therapy. This space lacks storage, a designated space for play therapy, and space for their teen participants. A makeover of this space would help to empower the program’s participants.
Deborah’s Place

Deborah’s Place breaks the cycle of homelessness for women in Chicago. They provide housing, comprehensive support services, and opportunities to help women achieve stable housing, sustainable income, and greater self-determination. The tenant lounge is a common space for women to use for classes, leisure, workouts, and meditation. The space needs new furniture, lighting, and an overall redesign. A makeover of this space would create more welcoming space for women to recover from the trauma of homelessness.

**KANSAS**

**Merriam**

**KidsTLC**

KidsTLC provides children with care through psychiatric treatment, community outreach, outpatient behavioral health, autism and wellness programs. Some of the children they treat live in their facility while they receive treatment. Their multipurpose room is currently used as a kitchen, eating area, and living room. A makeover of this space would create a safer, more functional therapeutic space for children and their families in crisis. **WINNER!**

**Metropolitan Organization Countering Sexual Assault (MOCSA)**

Metropolitan Organization Countering Sexual Assault (MOCSA) is a safe haven for victims of sexual assault. They provide advocates for victims for courtrooms, as well as provide clean clothes to them at the Emergency Room. A makeover of their office space would improve the environment where victims receive support, as well as creating a better work environment for volunteers.

**MARYLAND**

**Baltimore**

**Digital Harbor**

The Digital Harbor Foundation provides a place for children to go afterschool and teaches them technical skills they can use for future success. A makeover of the children’s workspace as well as their office space would provide a more flexible learning environment, and increase the seating capacity needed for larger events. **WINNER!**

**Living Classrooms**

Living Classrooms Foundation strengthens communities and inspires young people to achieve their potential through hands-on education and job training using urban, natural, and maritime resources as “living classrooms.” New furnishings will help elevate and update some of their older spaces so that the 160+ students they serve can learn cohesively in a state of the art building that looks the part.
The Boys and Girls Club of Baltimore

The Boys and Girls Club of Baltimore provides a safe place to learn and grow, and develop ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals. Many of their spaces are designed for younger children, and they are in need of larger teen/young adult spaces. A redesign and furnishing of this space would create an inspirational activity room for the young adults that they work with.

College Park

The National Building Museum

The National Building Museum is devoted to the history and impact of the built environment. The museum’s education program provides hands-on opportunities for local youth to learn about architecture, engineering, and design. Currently crowded and outdated, their teen classroom needs new furniture and storage solutions. A makeover of this space will provide the teens with an inspiring creative space for learning. The teens will even get to work on the makeover as project assistants! WINNER!

Room to Rebloom

Room to Rebloom empowers low-income women and families who have been victims of domestic violence by providing them with design services and other resources needed to create beautiful home environments and rebuild their lives. Two of their common rooms need makeovers to provide more comfortable and safe environments for the mothers and children that Room to Rebloom works with.

Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL)

Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL) supports and empowers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth in the DC metropolitan area. SMYAL creates opportunities for LGBTQ youth to build self-confidence, develop life skills, and engage their peers and community through service and advocacy. A makeover of SMYAL’s multi-purpose room would create a more flexible and dynamic space for the many outreach, fundraising, educational, and fun activities hosted in this room, better serving their participants.

Contact Center

Homecoming Project, Inc.

Homecoming Project, Inc. is a transitional residential program for homeless women in substance abuse recovery. Women spend 8-12 months in their program that provides a safe, calm, and nurturing environment to help them to start rebuilding their lives. The recreation room is where clients can relax during free time and participate in group activities. A makeover of this space will create a more organized and custom space that better fits the organization's needs. WINNER!
MASSACHUSETTS

Stoughton

The Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

The Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless works to end homelessness through advocacy, a network of supporters, and public education about homelessness and its solutions. They partner with public schools to ensure local students living in poverty have a proper bed at home through their “A Bed for Every Child” Program. A donation of bed frames, mattresses and bedding would provide those children with a good night’s sleep so they can reach their full potential in the classroom. WINNER!

Pine Street Inn

Pine Street Inn works to be a resource to help the local community meet its basic needs, as well as a national leader in the fight to end homelessness. This project would include a product donation of “Welcome Home Bags” including basic household items for people transitioning from shelters to permanent residences (dishes, towels, bath mats, shower curtains, bedding, etc.). Providing these bags would help make transitions easier for individuals facing difficult times.

Mothers Brook Arts

Mother Brook Arts uses the arts to enrich the Dedham community and stimulate the growth and revitalization of the Mother Brook neighborhoods. A classroom in this center is used for community meetings, art classes, and board meetings, and is in need of refurnishing. A makeover of this room would create a more inviting and functional environment for the community to appreciate the arts.

MICHIGAN

Canton

Starfish Family Services

Starfish Family Services serves vulnerable children and families in metropolitan Detroit. They provide early childhood development and parenting programs, children’s mental health services, after-school programs, and an emergency shelter for teens and youth in crisis. A makeover of their front lobbies and/or waiting areas would create a more family friendly space for families to wait for their appointments. This refurnishing would make the children they work with feel more comfortable and safe. WINNER!
Friends of the Rouge

Friends of the Rouge promotes the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement, and other collaborative efforts to improve the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed. They need storage and more organized office and administrative spaces. With a redesign of the space, they could be more efficient, and designate public and private spaces within their office.

Developing K.I.D.S.

Developing K.I.D.S. strengthens urban communities by empowering and encouraging young adults to become strong contributors to their community by guiding them in their mental, physical, and educational growth. The building could use more professional office space, new window treatments, lighting, and an improvement in the overall organization and comfort of their classroom spaces. This makeover would better equip Developing K.I.D.S. to create an inviting space for at risk families of the community.

MINNESOTA

Bloomington

EMERGE Link Program

The EMERGE Link program offers intensive support and education to formerly homeless youth. They break cycles of familial poverty and position youth to be productive, self-reliant adults. Their Program Room was originally furnished with used furniture, so a makeover of this space would provide a more welcoming learning environment for the tutoring, homework assistance, and group education that currently takes place there.

WINNER!

Athletes Committed to Educating Students

Athletes Committed to Educating Students (ACES) provides after-school tutoring for students in low-income schools. They strive to reduce the achievement gap that affects many students in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. A makeover of their shared office space would provide ACES’ employees with a more organized and professional work environment. This would hopefully show co-workers their value to the organization, and enable them to take more pride in their work.

The Mid-Continent Oceanographic Institute

The Mid-Continent Oceanographic Institute supports students ages 6-18 with after-school homework help, storytelling, and bookmaking field trips. A makeover of their main study and gathering space, as well as the parent’s lounge, would give MOI a more dynamic space for the many activities they hold in their space every day. They are in need of more comfortable furniture, workspaces that can be moved for special events, and better lighting solutions.
NEW JERSEY

Elizabeth

The Institute of Music for Children

The Institute of Music for Children teaches music and enhances artistic appreciation in children of their local community. Professional instructors work with urban youth to build creativity, teach life-skills in effort to break the cycle of poverty. Their living room is used as classroom and community space. A makeover of this space would give students a beautiful and productive space to learn, as well as provide an opportunity to expand on-site fundraising and outreach events. **WINNER!**

Prevent Child Abuse, NJ

Prevent Child Abuse, NJ works to prevent all forms of child abuse. They work with 11 high schools and child care centers through their Parent Linking Program. This project donate product to support their new site at Eastside High School (Paterson, NJ) that helps teen parents continue with their high school education efforts and as well as education about healthy and positive parenting. Donations would also support the young children they work with.

Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless

Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless provides homes where working families can live temporarily while they rebuild their lives. The Hospitality House Program provides the best opportunity for working and unemployed people to heal from the trauma of homelessness. The kitchen and pantries are in need of a redesign to meet the full functional needs of the families, as well as providing them with space to interact and strengthen during this difficult time.

Paramus

The Bridges II Class

The Bridges II Class at Fair Lawn High School is a special education program that works to provide a quality education that will enable students with cognitive impairments to reach their highest level of achievement and independence. One of their classrooms is dedicated to teaching students life skills. A makeover of this space would create a more functional and realistic home environment, by creating life skills stations in the classroom. **WINNER!**

City Green

City Green is dedicated to establishing urban farms and gardens in New Jersey’s cities to enrich the lives of inner city residents, while cultivating education in public health and the environment. Their multipurpose room is used for farming education classes and community meetings; and their kitchen hosts cooking demos. These spaces need storage, cooking equipment, and overall redesign. Making over these spaces would provide a functional space for participants to engage in creating a greener community.
NEW YORK

Brooklyn

Alex House

Alex House works to increase long-term self-sufficiency and independence by providing parenting and leadership development in a safe and caring environment. This project would be a product donation to support the work that they do in their community. **WINNER!**

Red Hook Recreation Center

The Red Hook Recreation Center offers fitness classes, computer classes, swimming, and athletic fields to the Red Hook community. Their afterschool classroom needs new furnishings, lighting, and an overall redesign. Making over this space would allow the students to study more comfortably, increase the room’s student capacity, and create an overall more enjoyable space for the community.

Long Island

The Ronald McDonald House of Long Island

The Ronald McDonald House of Long Island gives comfort and temporary shelter to families experiencing the pain of having a sick child in Cohen Children's Medical Center. Their office has a variety of purposes including the family welcome center, and frequent visits by local school, potential donors, corporations, etc. A makeover of this space would create a more cohesive, inviting, and professional working environment to match the warm service families receive at the House. **WINNER!**

Long Island Cares

Long Island Cares brings together all available resources for the benefit of the hungry on Long Island, and provides to the best of our ability for the humanitarian needs of our community. This project would include a product donation of home furnishings as well as cookware and cutlery. These items would be distributed to the community to improve the lives of people struggling in the local community.

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte

Bradford Preparatory School

Bradford Preparatory School uses innovative methods to provide a quality education in a smaller, more responsive learning environment. Their staff works together to support their students in a way that invites learning to become a lifelong endeavor. A makeover of their main office would provide a more organized and cohesive space for the staff, as well as the many parents and children who are in-and-out of the office every day. **WINNER!**
Levine Children’s Hospital

Levine Children’s Hospital believes nothing is more important than the health of your child. The largest children’s hospital in the southeast, they provide expert care in over 30 areas of pediatric medicine in a child-friendly and family-centered atmosphere. Their existing waiting rooms and teen room need new furnishings. A makeover of this space would provide the children and families a refreshed space during a stressful time, as well as an emotional lift.

OHIO

West Chester

Lighthouse Youth Services

Lighthouse Youth Services works to advance the dignity and well-being of children and families in need. Their multi-purpose room is used for relaxing, homework, and family counseling. It needs more functional furniture and an overall update. Their Life Skills Training Center is currently used for storage of donated goods, because it is unfurnished. A redesign of this space would provide a sense of comfort and stability to the vulnerable children they work with. WINNER!

Envision Ohio, Inc.

Envision Ohio, Inc. partners with families and community agencies to support a full and meaningful life for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Envision owns rental homes to provide safe, comfortable, and affordable housing to adults in their program. These homes need new dining and bedroom furnishings, as well as organization solutions. A redesign of this space would directly impact the program participants and staff, creating a more comfortable and organized living environment.

OREGON

Portland

Northwest Housing Alternatives

Northwest Housing Alternatives’ creates opportunity through housing. They need to rehabilitate The Annie Ross House, an emergency shelters for families. This shelter can house up to 20 people at a time, leading to significant wear-and-tear. They need new furnishings for the bedrooms and living room, as well as better storage throughout the house. A makeover of this space would provide a more functional and inviting environment for 40 families transitioning from homelessness there every year. WINNER!
Girls on the Run of Portland Metro

Girls on the Run of Portland Metro inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. They have recently moved into a new office space and it need furnishings. Furnishing this space would allow the organization to build their own culture, create a sense of belonging for volunteers, and further develop a space that’s all about empowering girls and celebrating their limitless potential.

p:ear

p:ear works with homeless and transitional youth that have been confronted with a number of physical, emotional, and social issues. They provide a non-judgmental space for youth to outgrow unproductive and harmful behaviors. p:ear’s kitchen, library, and great room all need redesigning and refurnishing. Additionally, they would like to transform an existing storage room into an office to accommodate their growing staff. Making over this space would provide participants with an added sense of comfort and care.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Conshohocken

Support Center for Child Advocates

Support Center for Child Advocates provides attorney-social worker teams for victims of child abuse and neglect. Their goal is to secure safety, justice, well-being, and a permanent, nurturing environment for every child. These children often have very few possessions, and would greatly benefit from a product donation including: mattresses, bedding, school supplies, and soft toys. This donation would provide comfort to these children during times of transition and healing. **WINNER!**

Children’s Country Week

Children’s Country Week Association (CCWA) connects children to the outdoors. They operate Paradise Farm Camps in Chester County, PA. Last year, CCWA suffered devastating fire loss in their day camp area. The lodge that will host teens this summer is in need of furnishings, as it is currently empty. A makeover of this space will create a more comfortable living space for the teens that look forward to their summertime at Paradise Camp Farms.

Red Cross House

Red Cross House provides housing and ongoing support to help local and regional victims of home fires and other unforeseen disasters regroup, renew, and begin again. Their Residential Lounge is used for game nights, watching TV, homework, and library space. Refurnishing this space would create a more aesthetically pleasing environment for residents, and would provide them with a sense of comfort in the time of distress and uncertainty.
South Philadelphia

**Center for Family Services**
Center for Family Services provides safe and supportive housing for children, teens, and women in need of a place to live. Services include temporary shelters, residential treatment facilities, foster care, transitional living programs, and permanent affordable housing. Their Camden Group Home serves as a home for 10 young men. A redesign of this home, including new living and dining room furniture, would provide a comfortable living environment—empowering the teens to feel capable of excellence. **WINNER!**

United Communities Southeast Philadelphia
United Communities Southeast Philadelphia improves the quality of life for every generation and member of the multicultural community we serve by providing educational, advocacy, and social programs. Their kitchen space and Community Food Cupboard both lack storage. Redesigning their kitchen space would provide communal space, as well as allowing the organization to offer more programs around healthy food and cooking.

Pittsburgh

**The Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children**
The Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children offers exceptional individualized special education services for students with visual impairment, along with providing support to families and the community. In the school’s simulated apartment, instructors help students adapt visually and tactually to independent living skills. The kitchen area is outdated and not wheelchair accessible. A makeover will create a space custom for students with visual impairment, hopefully promoting greater levels of self-sufficiency. **WINNER!**

**US Service Office (Conshohocken, PA)**
Programs Employing People (PEP) provides vocational training and integrated community employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The common areas are where participants take part in art classes, free time, and social activities. The computer lab holds trainings and serves as storage space for books and art supplies. Redesigns of these spaces would hopefully bring more warmth and personality to the rooms, providing a more creative learning space that serves the needs of their participants. **WINNER!**

**Your Way Home Montgomery County**
Your Way Home Montgomery County works to improve the housing stability, economic security, and health of all county residents. The organization works with shelters in the local community to provide housing needs, such as beds. This project would include a donation of twin beds that would be distributed to shelters, providing a place for homeless children to sleep.
Libertae

Libertae empowers women and their families to maintain recovery through treatment programs that support healthy communities. The Libertae Family House is a long-term residential treatment facility for 16 pregnant and parenting women with up to three children each. A makeover of the house’s children’s room would provide a more comfortable and appealing space for children to spend time with their mothers during visits.

TEXAS

Dallas

SpiritHorse Therapeutic Center

SpiritHorse Therapeutic Center assists children with special needs in reaching their full potential and development through interaction with horses. Their ranch offers individual therapeutic horseback riding for free, focusing on children with disabilities, have been victims of abuse/domestic violence, are at-risk, or after drug rehabilitation. Their tack room and feed shed need storage solutions. A redesign of this space would create a more efficient environment for staff, which would better serve their clients. WINNER!

The Samaritan Inn

The Samaritan Inn provides shelter and resources to homeless people so that they can become self-sufficient members of our society again. Their intake rooms face a lot of wear and tear over the years, and a makeover of this space would create a more welcoming and inviting place for their clients to thrive.

Hope’s Door, Inc.

Hope’s Door offers intervention and prevention services to individuals and families affected by domestic violence and to provide education programs that enhance the community’s capacity to respond. Their resale store raises funds to operate the shelter for abused women and children. This space needs more functional storage solutions, which would allow for a higher capacity of donations to be received, and more efficient organization of that donated product.

Houston

Fort Bend Women’s Center

Fort Bend Women’s Center assists survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children by providing emergency shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, support services, and educational outreach. Their Resale Center sells donations to help fund the organization. A makeover of the Resale Center would revitalize the space, hopefully boosting both donations and sales, which would in turn support the women and children the Women’s Center helps. WINNER!
Bonita House

Bonita House is a substance abuse treatment center for women, offering a continuum of services to their clients and their children. They have two residential facilities to provide a home environment for women and their children while undergoing treatment. The organization is expanding their medical services to also offer a children’s clinic area. Designing and furnishing this space would create a child-friendly environment to alleviate the fear that can come along with seeing a doctor.

Covenant House

Covenant House provides emergency shelter, crisis intervention, transitional housing, and community-based services for youth under the age of 21. After responding to immediate needs, Covenant House tries to reunite the youth with their family through counseling. If this is not possible, they provide youth with educational and vocational skills and guidance. Their crisis shelter needs new furnishings. Things like rugs, curtains, and bookcases would provide a sense of comfort, home, and pride for residents.

Round Rock

Austin Sunshine Camps

Austin Sunshine Camps engages and empowers youth through education and outdoor experiences. Sunshine Camps is free for local children, mostly coming from low-income families. The camp is increasing its camper capacity for the upcoming summer, and needs new furnishings for the camp counselor dorms and administration office. A makeover of these spaces will create better living and working environments for the staff, which would provide a better experience for participants to learn about healthy living. WINNER!

Partnerships for Children

Partnerships for Children provides Child Protective Services’ caseworkers with the resources that they need to better serve kids in our community. The organization currently purchases about 20 beds a month that CPS caseworkers match up to families in need. This project would include a product donation of beds, bedding, mattresses, and soft toys for children in tough times.

The Georgetown Project

The Georgetown Project is a nonprofit dedicated to building a healthy community where all youth can thrive. They run the NEST Empowerment Center - an afterschool safe haven for high school students who are at-risk, homeless, or living in transition. The center is used for tutoring, counseling, homemade meals, supporting the students’ passions, and more among caring adults. A redesign of the second floor will provide a more dynamic space for these important activities.
UTAH
Draper
The International Rescue Committee

The International Rescue Committee provides health care, infrastructure, learning and economic support to people whose lives have been shattered by conflict and disaster. Every year, the IRC resettles thousands of refugees in 22 U.S. cities. Their office and kitchen need furnishings that can be moved as well as storage for spaces that are multi-purposed. A makeover would create a more professional atmosphere, and provide a more conducive environment for refugees to make a fresh start. WINNER!

The Utah Pride Center

The Utah Pride Center is a catalyst for building and celebrating the strength, dignity, and self-determination of the LGBTQ community throughout Utah. They are committed to excellence in execution and the continuing improvement of all programs, services, education and advocacy. They value and support individuals, families, and allies, and build partnerships across communities. A makeover of their youth common space, kitchen, and clothing donation room would help create a more inviting, functional space for participants.

Virginia
Woodbridge

Action in Community through Service

Action in Community Through Service (ACTS) provides relief, fosters hope, and promotes self-sufficiency for their Prince William area neighbors. This project would include a product donation of “Essentials Kits,” that ACTS would then distribute. These kits would include bedding, cooking and dining equipment, and school supplies. WINNER!

Rainbow Center Therapeutic Riding

Rainbow Center provides therapeutic equestrian activities to children and adults with physical, emotional, intellectual, or behavioral challenges. Therapeutic riding can help develop muscle coordination, strength, balance, and self-confidence. The welcome area needs organization, new lighting, and new seating. There is not always a person to greet visitors, so a makeover of their reception area and arena viewing area would help improve the guest experience and boost student self-esteem.
WASHINGTON

Seattle

Peace for the Streets by Kids from the Street

Peace for the Streets by Kids from the Streets exists to support homeless and at-risk youth to become empowered to lead positive and self-sufficient lives. Their kitchen is for the preparation and service of meals, storage of food, and skill development programs. The space is currently out-of-date, inefficient, and incomplete. A redesign will better fit the needs of the organization, which will help to better prepare participants for a healthy and self-sufficient lives. **WINNER!**

New Phoebe House Association

New Phoebe House Association provides housing, services, and support to Pierce County mothers and children impacted by chemical dependence. The New Phoebe House is a transitional home for 15 women and up to 10 children. The common living room needs new furnishings, storage, lighting and a redesign to make a safer, more functional space. A makeover of this space will provide a more comfortable, home-like environment for the mothers and children this program works with.

Amara

Amara works to create and support stable, loving homes for vulnerable children. Their Emergency Sanctuary is used as a temporary shelter for children as they come into the foster system. The space currently seems cluttered and disorganized. A redesign of this space would provide a better place for these children to play and feel comfortable in a time of uncertainty.