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A dream team unites to build futures in Phoenix though their skills and dedication to design.



In business, we're taught to find a need and fill it. This year, Desert Star Construction was honored to collaborate with others in the design and construction community who recognized that this premise applies just as equally to people in need.

"Most of us think of human trafficking as a problem in other countries, but it is happening in our town—to girls who are someone's daughter, granddaughter, sister or niece," said DSC President Jerry Meek. "We recognized that our company had the expertise and networks and take action in a truly vital way. There was no way we could turn a blind eye."



"You had us at hello." That's what participants of the inaugural Dream Rooms, The Rescue Project said when Team DSC® asked for their help in this life-changing endeavor: to turn ten 60-year-old, dilapidated residential rooms into a safe haven that moves underage girls and women from the streets of Phoenix and a life of human trafficking into an environment of hope; where they can discover their potential and rebuild their lives. As one room designer said: "A place where dreams might even become possible again."



And so we moved forward with a unified vision and the overwhelming support of ten interior designers, 300 generous companies and more than 1,000 volunteers. For two-and-a-half months, these individuals poured their time, resources and spirit onto this project. In the process, they

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gathered encouragement and donations from other vendors as they shared the story and the promise of the Dream Rooms. With steadfast help from Arizona Foothills Magazine, we regularly shared our progress with the Phoenix community and gained even more supporters.



On June 1, 12 girls and women from right here in our Valley moved into their Dream Rooms with a prevailing thought: "How could someone who doesn't even know me love me this much?" Our answer: Because you are worth it! As one designer framed it: "A project like this reminds us of our potential to make another life feel cherished and valued."

Seeds of hope were already budding as Dream Room residents reacted to their new homes. "It's hard to feel negative here."... "It makes me feel like somebody truly does care about me."... "It gives me something to look forward to."... "It gives me hope."



These feelings prevailed as Team DSC® and the entire Dream Rooms effort gathered to celebrate the completed safe havens. An email sent later by Phoenix Dream Center's Executive Director Brian Steele put the accomplishment into perspective. For Brian, the journey from the first days of the Center's Outreach Team to the opening of the Dream Rooms leaves him speechless. "Absolutely speechless," he says. To the Dream Room supporters, he adds: "Thank you for believing. Thank you for sharing. Thank you for enduring. Thank you for the sleepless nights. Thank you for your heart. Thank you for saying yes."

As members of the 2012 Dream Rooms effort, we will never again underestimate the power of one, or the power of many who are united in a common cause. If you would like to exercise the power of one and learn more about The Rescue Project, please visit <a href="https://www.rescueprojectphx.org">www.rescueprojectphx.org</a>



Contributing Interior Designers:

**Amelia Kizerian Interiors** 

Janet Brooks Design

Karen Rapp Interiors

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**Overstreet Interiors** 

Ownby Design

Oz Architects

Palm Design Group

Tamm Marlowe Design Studio

Treken Interiors, Inc.

Vallone Design



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**Accent by Masters** 

Accentuate Your Life Interior Design

Affinity Kitchen Design Group

AGK Restaurants

Allaire, Inc

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Anderson Windows

Ann Sacks

Anne's Custom Roman Shades

Antiquities Imports

Architectural Concrete Interiors

Arizona Tile

Art Ironworks

Artisan Cinema & Sound

**Azadi Fine Rugs** 

AZ Custom Design

**Bakers Bros Flooring** 

Baldosa Tile

Barlow's Floor Refinishing

Barrand Fine Furniture

**Bay West Construction Management** 

**BedMart** 

Best Lil Frame Shop

Best Slipcover Company

Better Than New

**Big Printing** 

Biltmore Wallpaper Hangers

BMK Computers

Boca Bargoons

Bonner David Galleries & Artist Liz Tran

**Botanical Elegance** 

Brentano

Bryan Overstreet

Cabinets by Blas

Cactus Stone & Marble

Carnegie Fabrics

Christine Johnson Photography

Classic Custom Upholstry

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Clayton Floor Covering

**Clear Mirror** 

Clyde Hardware Co., Inc.

Colter Construction

Covuchi. Inc.

**Craftsman Court Ceramics** 

Craig Price

Creative Designs in Lighting

Creative Leather

Crestron

**Custom Hardwood Floors** 

**CW Construction** 

Cyber Sound

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De La Madera

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**Desert Sound & Security** 

Desert Star Construction, Inc.

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Dirk Elliot Tile Company

**Distinctive Custom Cabinetry** 

**Domani Architecture** 

Door Works

Dressed to Kill

**Dunn-Edwards** 

**Duralee Fabrics** 

**Emelmahae Soap Company** 

**Emily Foote** 

Espirit Décor

European Custom Upholstery

**Excellence Upholstery & Design** 

F-1 Cabinetry

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Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.

**Floorstyles** 

Foothills Ace Hardware

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**Garrett & Taylor Custom Home Builders** 

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Handle with Care

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Inex Creative Floors

Inside Out Showrooms Inc.

**Insight Home Solutions** 

Inspired Fine Finishes

Interior Design Resources

Jake's Custom Framing Inc.

Janus Custom Steel

J Douglas, Inc.

Jennifer Gustavson

Jenny Siekman

Jerry's Artarama

John Watkinson's Trim Company Inc.

Jose Diaz Tile

Jules Gissler

Kaiser Tile

Kim Sweet

Kip Merritt Design

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**Kohler** 

Lady's Work

Lifestyles Upholstery

Loloi Rugs

**Longust Distributing** 

Louis & Company

Louis Family

Mac's Custom Drapery

Mark Boisclair Photography

Mattress Firm

McNamara & Hirschman

MG Moving and Art

Mid City Glass

**Modern Metals** 

**NewForm Concepts** 

**Norcon Industries** 

Northman Granite & Marble

Old World Tile and Granite

On The Veranda

Open Sky Furniture

Optima Painting

Osborne & Little

Pacific Manufacturing

Pacific Sales Appliances

Paul O'Connor

Paul Russell

Paul's Micro Seal

Pawling Design Associates

Peter Thomas Designs

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Philosophy

**Phoenician Estate Movers** 

**Phoenix Forge** 

Picasso Tile & Design

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Premiere Wood Flooring, Inc.

**Pro-Sports Realty** 

**PWI Construction** 

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RAM Marble & Granite

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Sexton Services

Seymour Paper Hanging

Sherri Bellasen

**Sherwin-Williams** 

Sienna Custom Window & Door

Silverleaf Club and Spa

Simonson Painting, Inc.

Simply Put Organizing

Smart Candle, LLC Solar Industries

Soria Painting

Spellman Hardwoods

SR Drost Fine Custom Furniture

Star Plastering, Inc.

Start-Up Market Media

Stone and Pewter Accents

Studio Paradine

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Sudanos Carpet Workroom

Sun Lighting

Sunshine Painting

Surface Concepts

Sutter Masonry

Tabarka Studio

The Art Department
The Fabric Shoppe

The Floor Collection

The Modern Group AZ

The Willow's Home & Garden Tierra Del Lagarto

Tina Alexander Tile

**Unique Building Concepts** 

**Unique Concepts Furniture** 

Urbina Upholstery

Valley Light Gallery

Valley Lighting

Vickie Does Windows

Villagio Tile

Wang Electric

Waterworks

Waterworks of Scottsdale

Weitzner Limited

West Elm

West Paint

Westar Kitchen & Bath

Western Millwork

<u>WinterHaven</u>

Woodcrest Fine Cabinetry

Woodesign