

DREAMS HAPPEN

The extraordinary, one-of-a-kind playhouse auction benefiting Rebuilding Together Peninsula returns to Stanford Shopping Center.

One of the Peninsula's most beloved events is returning to Palo Alto on May 4. For nearly a month, shoppers of all ages will be charmed and delighted by a series of fantastical playhouses dotting the landscape at Stanford Shopping Center. These playhouses are products of the imaginations of some of the Bay Area's top architects, builders, and landscape designers.

Playhouses range in theme from a Stanford-inspired equestrian barn built by a team of local firefighters, to an orange and black ballpark, to a safari campout sure to inspire any little explorer. Some other playhouse creations for 2013 include Ohana Hale, The Modern Overlook, Peninsula Creamery, Box.O.Matic 3000, and The Little Mountain Cabin. Participating in the event again this year is Barbara Butler, known for her custom, hand-carved playhouses. She has designed a modern pop-art playhouse called Home is Where the Heart Is. Additionally, for the first time ever, the event will showcase a doghouse designed by Wings Architects, Inc. In total, Dreams Happen will highlight 11 children's playhouses and one doghouse.

Though only a handful of lucky families will be able to take these incredible creations home, the funds raised by the auction of the playhouses on June 1 will make a lasting impact on the community. All proceeds from this event benefit Rebuilding Together Peninsula, a nonprofit organization dedicated to rehabilitating the homes and community facilities of low-income neighbors in need, from Sunnyvale to Daly City. Rebuilding Together's Executive Director Seana O'Shaughnessy is quick to point out, "The Dreams Happen event showcases more than just playhouses—it highlights that housing, in all its shapes and forms, is important. These playhouses preserve real houses for neighbors in need and significantly impact the lives of low-income families on the Peninsula."

Since its inception in 1993, Dreams Happen has raised \$2.9 million for Rebuilding Together Peninsula, with winning playhouse bids ranging from \$6,000 to \$70,000.

"The Dreams Happen gala is one of our favorite events at Stanford Shopping Center," notes Julie Kelly, the shopping center's Director of Marketing and Business Development. "Our shoppers always look forward to seeing the exquisite designs featured in this program, and we're honored to be able to participate in this great opportunity to give back to our local community." ♦



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Tickets for the gala go on sale **May 1, 2013**.
 Tickets purchased before May 15: \$95.
 Those purchased after May 15: \$115.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.rebuildingtogetherpeninsula.org, by phone at 650.366.6597, or at the Guest Services Desk, located in the Stanford Shopping Center courtyard next to Ralph Lauren.

Those not present for the gala can participate in the fun via absentee bidding. For more information, please contact Seana O'Shaughnessy, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Peninsula, at 650.366.6597 x222, or seana@rebuildingtogetherpeninsula.org.