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SUMMIT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES WINNER OF HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS EVENT.

Home for the Holidays, A Truly Designer Event, returned for its second year this holiday season at the historic Perkins family home, located at the corner of Copley Road and South Portage Path in Akron.

For this event, the Perkins Stone Mansion and Wash House was transformed for the holidays by local professionals of historic and contemporary interior design. To add to the holiday merriment, each Interior Designer decorated their room on behalf of a local charitable organization. After touring the home, each guest had the chance to vote for their favorite room, knowing that the room with the most votes would win 10% of the event proceeds for its designated charity.

The winning room was the Library, decorated in the theme of "North Pole Comes to the Mansion!" by designer Robin Brechbuhler of Brechbuhler Interior Design Ltd. of Canton. The selected charity for this room was Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary in Ravenna (www.happytrailsfarm.org).

"This project was such a fabulous opportunity to work with not only very talented designers, but a wide variety of truly deserving charities," explained Paula Moran, Executive Director of the Summit County Historical Society. "It was such a rewarding experience we are already making plans for next year!"

Participating designers and charities in the 2007 event were:

Pamela Bayer, Pamela Bayer Interiors, on behalf of MetroHealth Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio and the Jesse Blake Foundation

Robin Brechbuhler, Brechbuhler Interior Design Ltd., on behalf of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

Susan Kotapish and Marjorie Ranftl, on behalf of the Humane Society of Greater Akron

Janice Mosko, Christy Krainess, Greenbriar Florist, on behalf of Access, Inc.- an emergency shelter for homeless women and children

Jennifer McCool, Jennifer McCool Interior Design, on behalf of Ian Healy Kidney Fund

Winnie Leenaarts, Pam's Posies, on behalf of Cystic Fibrosis Center at Akron Children's Hospital,

Cindy Pastoria, Cindy Pastoria Designs, on behalf of Akron Children's Hospital

Jim Pesce, James Pesce Designs, on behalf of Mental Health America of Summit County

Brian Reeder, Reeder Architects & Interior Design, on behalf of Kiwanis K-Kids

Diane Blinn, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, on behalf of itself

Lynne Dowling, Libby Upton, Yellow Creek Trading Company, on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association.

Founded in 1924, the Summit County Historical Society is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Their mission is to preserve and interpret the history of Summit County and Akron, and to educate regional communities about the people and events that have shaped our rich history. To learn more about the Summit County Historical Society please call (330)535-1120 or visit the web site at www.summithistory.org.

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