



Cheng, Gluckstein among Top Designers chosen for the 2009 Junior League of Toronto Showhouse™

June 27, 2008 – Toronto, Canada – The Junior League of Toronto (www.jlt.org) announced today the decorators and designers chosen for the eighth Junior League of Toronto Showhouse™. Among the designers selected are well-known design personalities including Joseph Cheng, Brian Gluckstein, Katherine Newman, Kimberley Seldon and Dee Dee Taylor Hannah, and a few fresh faces including Lisa Worth and Glen Peloso. In total, fifty four of Canada's top interior decorators and designers were selected from more than seventy applicants interested in working on the Junior League of Toronto's newest showhouse at McLean House located at The Estates of Sunnybrook.

The chosen designers will visit McLean House on June 27th for "Measuring Day". It will be the designers' last opportunity to see and measure the specific room that they have chosen. "The Estates of Sunnybrook is where it all began 25 years ago, and I'm thrilled to return and lend my ideas for this latest Junior League of Toronto Showhouse, and work alongside all of the talented decorators and designers associated with the 2009 project," said Joseph Cheng of Joseph Cheng Interior Design. "Twenty-five years ago, McLean House at The Estates of Sunnybrook was transformed into an elegant event venue by the Junior League of Toronto's first Showhouse, and with such an array of talent, I'm sure that this JLT Showhouse will be successful, with the proceeds going to such worthwhile causes."

The Junior League of Toronto Showhouse is scheduled for public viewing May 8- 31, 2009. McLean House, located at 2075 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, was chosen as the eighth JLT Showhouse. McLean House, the former home of James Stanley McLean and his family was completed in 1931. It is an Eric Arthur Georgian-style mansion owned by Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre since 1967. In 1983 The Junior League of Toronto in partnership with Interior Designers of Ontario (now called ARIDO) renovated and showcased the house.

The Junior League of Toronto Showhouse is held every four to five years, whereby Toronto's most talented interior decorators and designers renovate, update and stylize a chosen venue in the GTA. Since 1983, the Junior League of Toronto and its partners have transformed six other homes including: McLean House, The Jackson Estate – Valley Halla, George Brown House, Ronald McDonald House II, Bob Rumball Manor, Graydon Hall, and the last Showhouse at Glendon Hall in 2004.

The Junior League of Toronto is again partnering with Canadian House & Home magazine to bring visitors the Junior League of Toronto Showhouse Guide, an in-depth review of the designers highlighted at the house. Previous Junior League of Toronto Showhouses have drawn more than 15,000 attendees and raised \$1.6 million for Toronto-based non-profit organizations.

The three recipient programs that will benefit from the proceeds from the 2009 Junior League of Toronto Showhouse™ include: the *Sistahood and Girls on the Move* programs at St. Alban's Boys' and Girls' Club, inspiring girls to pursue their dreams, build self confidence and live life in a healthy way; *The Women & Babies Program at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre* that delivers more than 4,000 babies each year, one-quarter of which are high-risk deliveries that require specialized critical care; and *Kickstart, for Health*, a Junior League of Toronto program that empowers teenage girls and their families to embrace healthy lifestyle choices by building confidence, developing new skills and inspiring positive life choices.

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