

Cares plans 20th annual kitchen, home tour for May

Preparations for New Canaan Cares 20th Annual Kitchen and Home Tour are well underway. This year's tour will be held on Thursday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature "some of the most beautiful kitchens and homes in New Canaan," according to event chair Joni Schaefer. The tour is the organization's largest fund-raiser of the year and all proceeds directly support Cares health education and leadership programming.

"We are fortunate to have such a wonderful array of properties and design elements on the tour this year," Schaefer said. "Tour homes range from new construction to thoughtful renovations and represent the pinnacle in quality construction and design. Some specific trends to watch for include the evolution of living rooms into adult family rooms, the addition of porches and pergolas to extend living spaces outdoors, and the incorporation of creative cabinetry and specialized appliances to maximize kitchen functionality."

"The Annual Kitchen and Home Tour is the foundation of our charitable work in the community," said Doreen Conley, Cares board president. "As a nonprofit organization, we absolutely



Pictured are architect Matthew Dougherty and decorator Melissa Lindsay, of Pimlico, who collaborated on the tour house shown. V&A Construction, whose rep was not available for the photo, joins Dougherty and Pimlico as sponsors of the New Canaan Cares Kitchen and Home Tour this year.

depend on this event to help support our programming objectives."

The programs encompass three core areas: health promotion, parenting skills and leadership training, and are delivered through classroom instruction, after-school

workshops, and youth and adult group presentations. All are offered free of charge to the community. Tour tickets go on sale the week of Monday, March 12, through newcanaancares.org. For more information, call 203-966-7862.

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