



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY**

News Release

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JEWELS ON THE BAY 17TH ANNUAL DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE FEATURES BUNGALOW AND RANCH-STYLE HOMES WEST OF THE TRAIL IN SARASOTA

BENEFITTING THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BOTH MANATEE AND SARASOTA COUNTIES

SARASOTA, FL. (September 30, 2011) Sarasota has evolved into a plethora of beautiful architectural styles but most natives identify with the bungalows and ranches from the early 1900s that were leading architectural styles of the era. These charming styles are making a comeback and will be the focus of the 2011 Showhouse exhibition.

Thirty top Sarasota area designers will transform two homes in historic Bay Point Park for the 2012 Jewels on the Bay Show house, to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota and Manatee counties. Showhouse dates are Jan. 22 through Feb. 19, 2012. Showhouse tours will begin at 1524 Bay Point Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236.

Jeff Hart of J Hart Interior Design, chair of the 1920's home, says "Fashion, taste and style are all very sensitive to the time period, and in the case of this example of 1920's romantic craftsman, today's interiors are au currant with a color scheme based on the exceptional modern art from the owner's collection."

Robert Henry, designer and partner in Tidmore-Henry & Associates and showhouse chairman for the ranch-style home at 1525 Gulfview Drive says, "This showhouse is a must see for those who are considering renovation and upgrading their home and who love great design. The designers demonstrate creative solutions to bring the home into current today with a coastal theme."

Since 1994, Jewels on the Bay Showhouses have contributed thousands of dollars to both BGCSC and BGCMC. "It's a wonderful thing to have a long-standing relationship with such an admirable and respected group. We are so excited to partner with the Jewels on the Bay again this year and share our vision for impact," says Bill Sadlo, President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County. "This project is a philanthropic example of how our community works in collaboration."

Show house tickets are \$20 per person. For more information about group rates or individual tickets, please call Carol at (941)780-1790. You may also visit their web site at www.designershowhousesarasota.com. To learn more about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota and

Manatee Counties, you can visit their websites at www.boysandgirlsclubs.com or www.bgcofmanatee.org.

About the Boys & Girls Clubs:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County have played an integral role in Sarasota County for more than 41 years, providing daily programs and services to thousands of young people. The Mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The vision is to provide a world-class Club experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who walks through our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.