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Design Hope Toronto Builds Up

More space. More art. More money for the homeless.

Artists and art aficionados packed Modern Weave's King Street East gallery on the evening of 8 February 2008, and helped Design Hope Toronto (DHT) raise over \$14,500 for Dixon Hall's Homeless, Hostels and Housing program.

Over the past three years, DHT's annual artist-led charity auctions have raised over \$32,000 to provide grassroots, street-level help for Toronto's homeless.

Design Hope Toronto recognizes the critical role artists play in articulating and engaging the human and political issues that affect our communities. This year's spacious new venue enabled organizers to assemble a diverse collection of 40 pieces of photography, painting sculpture and blown glass, all inspired by the theme of 'shelter'.

Waddington's auctioneer Bill Kime once again volunteered his services. CBC Radio's Marcia Williams graciously returned as the night's host, and kept the evening fun yet focused on the event's most important purpose – inspiring hope for the homeless.

The 2008 auction offered twice as many pieces as were auctioned at its inaugural event in 2006, and raised nearly double the funds raised that first year. Buoyed by this record, organizers are already planning for DHT 2009.

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