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Design Hope Toronto Gala Art Auction

Affordable art for affordable housing



A SELECTION OF ART WORK CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THIS YEAR'S SHOW (FROM LEFT) *dWell*: STEPHEN CRUISE, *SYMBOL STAR*: HENRY FEATHER, *UNTITLED*: PETER FRENCH, *TWO HOMES*: CAREY SOOKOCHEFF

TORONTO, ON — On February 10, 2006, Design Hope Toronto will embark on its inaugural benefit campaign by holding a gala and art auction at Gallery 1313, 1313 Queen Street West. All proceeds will go to Dixon Hall's Homeless, Hostels & Housing program.

Every year, more than 30,000 people spend time in one of the various homeless shelters throughout Toronto. Because this number includes many within the arts community, it is an important symbolic gesture that all of the one-of-a-kind artwork to be auctioned off will be created to represent the idea of "shelter."

Through the money and awareness raised from this auction, Design Hope Toronto looks to help Dixon Hall

improve upon both the short and long-term solutions for those in need.

Design Hope Toronto is a volunteer initiative that is patterned after the original Design Hope fundraising event in Dundas, Ontario.

The artwork will be on display at Gallery 1313 on February 8, 9 and 10 from 1 – 6 PM. The gala and auction will be held on February 10 from 7 – 10 PM.

For more information about Design Hope Toronto or to become a donor, please contact Bill Ford at 416.581.1620, info@designhopetoronto.ca.



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