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30 rooms were redecorated in one year. She and co-founder Kay Poncill, also of Rochester, have spent many hours with nearly 50 other committee members and hundreds of volunteers who share a pool of helping children.

"We're overwhelmed by the amazing response the Project has gotten," Appleby said. "Not only are we exceeding expectations in metro Detroit, but chapters of the Suite Dreams Project have been

independently started in Indianapolis and soon San Francisco."

Eighteen Michigan designers helped to decorate the 10,767 square-foot, \$3.6 million home, situated on 4.26 acres near The Palace of Auburn Hills.

The custom home's rooms include five bedrooms. The master suite has giant his-and-hers walk-in closets and a whirlpool tub. A guest suite has a living room, a bedroom with a walk-in closet, and a marble bathroom. There is also a six-car garage.

The house also features hand-painted walls, bold and soft colors, a scenic lake and rocky water view. Rooms are designed for tranquility and fun. One room has a red doghouse and Dalmatian theme. Another has a forest-cottage theme.

Designer Frank Carnovale, of Carnovale Associates Inc. in Bloomfield Hills, has an extravagant playhouse that's on display available for auction. The Victorian playhouse is yellow, green and purple and has scalloped shingles

and real windows.

Carnovale has already redesigned a bedroom for a chronically ill child in Detroit. His wife, Paula, is on the Suite Dreams Committee, and they share a passion to use their good fortune to help children.

"I live in Bloomfield Hills. I have four healthy children — a great family. I'm blessed," Frank Carnovale said.

Paula Carnovale, owner of Sweet Pea's in Birmingham, designed the show house nursery in a shabby-chic style with lacy Victorian curtains and light, neutral tones.

"Everyone in our office participated with this," he added. "It's a team effort."

The children whose homes are improved are recommended to the Suite Dreams Project by Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit and C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Comprehensive Cancer Center in Ann Arbor. The Suite Dreams Project is comprised of mostly young mothers who volunteer their time to reach out to families undergoing hardship due to the serious medical conditions of their



Room with a view: A glorious wooded view and cast stone fireplace are highlights of the family room designed by McGowan & Associates. The room has vaulted ceilings and a door to the terrace.



Pleasant: This off-white living room with neutral accents was created by Brian Killian & Co., of Birmingham, and is part of the Suite Dreams Project Designer Show House.

THE SUITE DREAMS PROJECT 2002 DESIGNER SHOW HOUSE

What: A 10,000 square-foot model home featuring Michigan's top designers
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, June 8 through June 30
Where: 5566 Orchard Ridge Drive, Oakland Township, in the gated community of Orchard Ridge. (I-75 North to Lapeer Road North to Silverbell Road East. Home is off of Silverbell)
Tickets: Tickets are \$20 at the door and \$18 in advance by calling: (248) 601-0799 or via email at sdp@generalssports.com. Tickets are also available in Rochester at Chez Nous, Chapman House, Janet Varner, The Give Thanks Bakery, Suite Dreams Project Office; in Birmingham at Quartine, Persnickety, Sweet Pea's and Ethan Allen; in Royal Oak at HOME; in West Bloomfield at Art Leaders Gallery; in Auburn Hills at Ethan Allen.
Support: The Suite Dreams Project, a program of the General Sports Foundation, a Michigan nonprofit organization. All money raised will help create magical playrooms in area hospitals and support the mission of the Suite Dreams Project.

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The opening event, the Show House soiree, will be June 7 with dinner and dancing. Three playhouses will be auctioned off. Also at the Show House, Starbucks will offer coffee.

Holiday Market will serve lunch daily, and there will be a raffle for a \$10,000 playhouse. There will also be a Borders' sponsored luncheon and book signing with Chris Madden, designer to Oprah. Also at the Show House, Starbucks will offer coffee.

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