

WHAT'S IN STORE

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All styles of chairs are being auctioned to raise funds for New Jersey hospices

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A collection of one-of-a-kind chairs designed by members of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (NJASID) will be auctioned for charity on Sunday, March 11 at the Robert B. Meyer Reception Center of the PNC Arts Center, Exit 116 Garden State Parkway, Holmdel. Proceeds of the auction will help to refurbish Saint Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center's hospice inpatient units at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Monmouth Medical Center, a community service project of NJASID.

The collection of chairs will include both serious and whimsical designs, indoor and outdoor chairs, new styles and antiques. There also will be designs by celebrities such as Joe Pesci, Frankie Valli, members of the New Jersey Devils and the producer and cast of the musical "Jersey Boys." One of the "Jersey Boys" chairs comes with four house seats to the musical. To view 30 of the chairs to be auctioned, visit www.njasid.org.

The evening begins with a cocktail hour and auction preview from 5-6 p.m. Dinner and the auction take place from 6-9 p.m.

The cost is \$175 per person (open seating) or \$2,500 per table (reserved seating). Dress is black-tie optional. The event also will honor Risa Margolis Greenstein, hospice volunteer and daughter of the late Rebecca Margolis, an interior designer and long-time Allied Member of NJASID.

Honorary chair for the event is the Earl Spencer of Althorp, Charles Earl Spencer. The Spencer family has joined with manufacturer Theodore Alexander to offer the Althorp Living History Collection, with more than 300 reproduction furniture designers from their 500-year-old country estate. The estate is the ancestral home of the Spencer family and Diana, Princess of Wales. A chair from the Althorp Collection will be included in the auction. The Earl and his family are long-time supporters of hospice programs.

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