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The First Congregational Church of Darien will host a new fundraiser--The Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart. Guests will enjoy walking through five distinctive homes in town, each with a unique feature emphasizing the architecture, landscape, decorating, or other design elements. Lunch at Woodway Country Club will be offered that day, and there will be a celebratory after-party at the First Congregational Church the following night, with a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, and cocktails, plus the music of Barnstorm.



Proceeds from the event will be donated to Person-to-Person, as the primary beneficiary, and other local charitable agencies serving youth, the elderly, and the disadvantaged. "The support of the P2P Emergency Assistance Program by the First Congregational Church of Darien is heartwarming and completely in line with their theme," says P2P Executive Director Ceci Maher. "It is only through the support of our communities that P2P is able to make a significant difference in the lives of those who struggle daily to make ends meet, keep the lights on, feed their families and maintain a home.

We are extremely grateful to be the primary recipient of the funds from the House Tour: Homes with a Heart." Tickets to the house tour, lunch, and after-party will be available as of April 1 at www.darienhousetour.org.

"For many years, our church ran a very successful antiques show, and out of those proceeds, we were able to support our church's philanthropic giving and provide a fun event for the community. But we felt it was time to try something new, and everyone was really excited about a house tour," explains Heather Raker, who is co-chairing the tour with Karalesa DiFabio. "We were lucky to find five fabulous homes to share with the community, and we are hoping to do as well or better with our donations to Person-to Person and other local charitable agencies."

Adds Ms. DiFabio, "We are also grateful for the support of our sponsors—particularly Ring's End—which helped us put together this event. They all realize the value of giving back to the community." Other sponsors include Odd Job Landscaping, Callari Cars, Jane Beiles Photography, William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Mark P. Finlay Architects, Eckerson Design Associates LLC Landscape Architecture, Darien Rowayton Bank, Fox Hill Builders, Andrea Art Studio, and Iridian Asset Management.

For more information on the house tour, visit www.darienhousetour.org and Facebook.