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Students get creative for a cause during Habitat for Humanity ReStore Designer Challenge

OMAHA, Neb. — Eleven students from Metropolitan Community College's Interior Design program and five local design firms joined forces to create clever, imaginative vignettes using items from Habitat ReStore. The vignettes are on display June 23-July 20 throughout Westroads Mall, 10000 California St.

This mini-internship challenged students to apply class concepts and, alongside professional designers, conceptualize ways to transform obvious objects into high-end furnishings.

The public is invited to view the displays for personal inspiration and vote for their favorite rooms via text message. For every vote received through July 20, Westroads Mall will donate \$1 to Habitat for Humanity of Omaha (up to \$500).

An exclusive unveiling event will be held Sunday, June 22. The reception allows teams to celebrate their work and provide insight into the design process. Design firm partners include D³interiors, Designer's Touch, Interior Transformations, The Modern Hive and The Interior Design Firm.

Student participants include:

Shelly Bazer, Omaha, Neb.
Rachel Costello, Omaha, Neb.
Liz Crosson, Omaha, Neb.
Brenda Cruz, Omaha, Neb.
Kate Gaul, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
Amy Haggstrom, Glenwood, Iowa.
Kerilyn Lainson, Omaha, Neb.
Laurenne McGill, Omaha, Neb.
Jerri Stafford, La Vista, Neb.
Gloria Sauter, Bellevue, Neb.

Andrew Zinn, Omaha, Neb.

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