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A PREVIEW OF THE 2020 LAKE FOREST INFANT WELFARE SHOWHOUSE



Earlier this year, I announced that I was thrilled to be the honorary chair for the **2020 Lake Forest Infant Welfare Showhouse** in beautiful Lake Forest, Illinois. The house was set to open in April, but like so many other things, it had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Thirty-nine interior and landscape designers have been hard at work for months now, transforming a beautiful twenty three room, 11,000 square foot house Frost and Grainger house dating back to 1906. I am thrilled to report that the showhouse just opened this past weekend on July 11th and it will be open through August 9th.



{The Exterior of the House}

The showhouse benefits the **Infant Welfare Society of Chicago** which provides resources for some of the most under-served children in the area. If you are in the Chicago area, I hope you will **come see** what promises to be a spectacular showhouse benefitting a very worth cause! I had the pleasure of seeing the house firsthand when I went up to Lake Forest a few weeks ago for the installation. Congratulations to all of the designers who did a beautiful job transforming this beautiful home and to all of the wonderful chairs and organizers who have been a tremendous help and have done an extraordinary job. I'll tell you one thing— bringing a showhouse to life in the middle of a global pandemic is no small feat! The house is rooted in history and its gracious architecture is on full display, while the interiors are reinterpreted in new and imaginative ways by the talented roster of designers. It's important to remember that showhouses are fundraising vehicles for worthy charities. I hope you'll **consider making a donation** to support the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago if you are unable to attend in person. In the meantime, I thought I would share a round-up of some of the rooms in the house. Enjoy!



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