

Thank You for Your Support of Bella's Dream Room Makeover

Bella is a true warrior and has been for years. Bella suffers from a very rare, life-threatening lung disease named Idiopathic Pulmonary Hemosiderosis. There are only about 200 cases in the United States and Bella is one of two patients that have this disease at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. She was diagnosed in 2008, given a life expectancy of 2-3 years. Bella just turned 12 years old in August, thank God! Bella dreamed of a beautiful spa-like bedroom that she shares with her sister. We know this room fits the bill and then some...



It was our sincere honor and privilege to serve Bella and her family this past weekend. Here's what Bella and her sister, who due to circumstances are wise beyond their years, said,

Last night was one of the most exciting days of my life.

I am so grateful to have people like you in my life.

From the sincerest part of my heart I want to truly thank you. Thank you for taking the time to make my life better. Thank you for using YOUR time to make my life better. Thank you for using YOUR energy to make my life better. All the work you do just to make people happy. That's the mark of a compassionate and good person. The way you made me feel is indescribable. And I truly want to thank you for that. Thank you for making my life better.

Love, Bella ♥

I would just like to say that seeing all those people in our home was completely unreal; the fact that there were *that* many people there to help my family and I? And all the work that they did? I couldn't believe how much detail they had put into everything! I'm sure there are still things that I have not discovered yet about my room...

When everyone had left, we just sat around, looking around at our beautiful house / room. We really didn't know what to do with all of the stuff. We just walked in circles, taking in our new environment. Everything smelled new. We were so excited but also so tired.

As we lay in bed that night, we felt guilty going to sleep in the brand new, clean sheets, because we hadn't showered! And we thought about all of the volunteers that had to drive all the way back home... We asked each other "what if this whole time it was just a dream? that would be so sad." And we laughed. And our sheets were so warm and plush! We fell asleep rather quickly, not fully recovered from the blessings that we have received that day.

We thought about everything that had happened in that one day, in that one night. And it was kind of difficult to take it all in. Personally, I don't think it's settled. It's just going to be one of those experiences that I've had in my life that I will remember forever, and each time I will get butterflies when I think of it. The emotions that I felt were powerful and wonderful, so this Rooms of Hope experience will always be a very personal and powerful occurrence in my life. Thank you.

Love, Stephania (Bella's sister)

To our Rooms of Hope Family...You Did It Again!



**Thank you to each of you who donated or spent time
“Creating Spaces That Matter” for Bella, Stephania and their parents!
To our volunteers, you all worked so hard and it is appreciated!
Life is Precious...And you all made such a big difference in a girl’s life that needed it!**

I am also honored to highlight Naomie, Emilia and Mary. These three women worked prior to the makeover designing Bella’s dream bedroom & home. Every detail was thought out with Bella and her family in mind. Thank you Design Team Bella! Also, special call out to Susan who supported the design process, the donors who made this possible and the volunteers who executed the work with warm hearts and talented hands. Bella deserves to be in a bedroom that reflects her, and a home that is organized and healing. She comes from a very loving family, and now, she feels this love from others outside her family, each of you who care. Simply, but profoundly, thank you!



Emilia,
designer for the parent’s room



Naomie,
lead designer for girls room



Mary, designer for
desinger for the living/dining room

Here is Bella's relaxing bedroom with her personality included!



Extending an arm and helping when necessary is what it is all about...

Five years ago, Bella's family were asked to leave their home because of black mold and active asbestos. They left with the shirts on their backs and nothing more. As such, furniture for their new condo was considered a luxury, while paying bills, including Bella's medical bills, remains the priority. Lending a hand to help create a beautiful home for Bella and her family was necessary! You can already tell that this is going to be a game-changer for Bella!!!



Bella's Mom and Dad's New Haven



Bella & Family's New Living & Dining Room

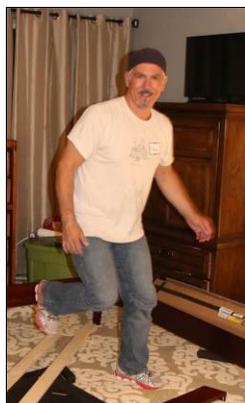
Complete with a Christmas Tree Ready for the Family to Decorate Together!

And...duly noted...the kitchen/closets were spotless thanks to Cammie/Sherry/Susan & Team!



With gratitude...

To each of you for all your hard work and dedication! This one-day home makeover for Bella was necessary and successful, but it was also a long one, completing it by 10:45pm. The family was beside themselves with joy. Bella was speechless and we all could tell that her bedroom was going to be a constant and a safe haven in her ever-changing life. Honestly, she was like a five-year-old seeing all the toys under the Christmas tree for the first time...adorable and so touching! She said about her room, something to the effect like, "I tried to keep my expectations low because I didn't think this could happen to me." Bella has had so many disappointments in her short life that she doesn't dare dream of anything big. It was said to her later to never stop dreaming, hoping and believing. Even the Fairmont Hotel hosted Bella at Christmastime, another dream come true for her and she's worth it!!!



Thank You

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Bella & Her Sister

**Last, but certainly not least, the State Family
for opening their home and hearts to us!**



**To each of you...thank you for sharing your talents, treasure and love!
Your contribution truly makes a difference for this young lady!**

**With gratitude,
Bella and Shelley**

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