

Dreams Happen

On June 1, some of the most charming and innovative play houses in the world will be auctioned off at the popular biennial fundraiser **DREAMS HAPPEN** to benefit **REBUILDING TOGETHER PENINSULA** — a nonprofit that significantly impacts the lives of low-income Bay Area residents.

Throughout the month of May, Stanford Shopping Center will display 12 custom-made playhouses and one over-the-top doghouse to the delight of shoppers. This year, Dreams Happen playhouses range in theme from a Stanford-inspired equestrian barn built by a team of local firefighters, to an orange-and-black ballpark and a Safari Campout to inspire the littlest explorer, just to name a few.

Co-Chair Michele Kirsch notes, “This event is so special. It is heartening to know that the proceeds from Dreams Happen directly help so many in our community with needed repairs to their homes. Living in a safe home is especially important to a family with children and with family members living with disabilities—and Rebuilding Together’s mission is to make that happen. This event, though, could not happen without an amazing committee. We have 30 members, many of them having volunteered at several Dreams Happen events. You could not ask for a better dream team.”

Since its inception in 1993, Dreams Happen has raised \$2.9 million for Rebuilding Together Peninsula with winning playhouse bids ranging from \$6,000 to \$70,000.

Tickets for the gala event go on sale May 1, 2013. Tickets purchased before May 15 are \$95. Those purchased after May 15 are \$115. Tickets are available by phone at 650.366.6597 or online at www.rebuildingtogetherpeninsula.org.



The Dreams Happen 2013 Committee, including: (BACK ROW) Gary Ahern, Vanessa Roach, Miriam Huntley, Jill Shanmugasundaram, Laurel Robinson, Jennie Lang, John McNellis. (FRONT ROW) Stephanie Oshman, Kimberly Boyanowski, Suzi Tinsley, Pam Nicholas, Lisa Pedersen, Michele Kirsch, Chara Burnett, Laura Bronson-Krane, Calla Griffith, Linda Fishman, and Lisa Walton