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EACH ROOM OF THE HOUSE was decorated to represent a different charity. The foyer was dedicated to the New Canaan Fire Department. We had fun using firehoses as tree skirts and carbon monoxide detectors and plastic red fireman hats as ornaments. The Mounted Troop of New Canaan was featured in the dining room. Its tree was adorned with authentic horse show ribbons. On the dining table I laid out blankets and a basket with dishes and glasses, as if someone had just gotten off their horse to enjoy a casual picnic. The ABC House was shown in the kitchen and family room. Wreaths shaped as letters were hung on the windows, and the tree was topped with a star made out of pencils.

THIS UNTRADITIONAL IDEA CAME TO ME at about three in the morning, as my best ideas do. I called the project "Six Reasons to Give" and designed six rooms to reflect the variety of charities supported by the Holiday House Tour. The people who spend money on their tickets should see what they are supporting.

IT'S IN MY DNA to incorporate charities and giving in my work. I was excited to make this holiday scene a creative process that had purpose, and I felt like people really paid attention. I didn't want the house to be just beautiful. I wanted to educate people on the different ways they can give back to the community.

TWO OF MY FAVORITE ITEMS were the New Canaan fire truck in the driveway, and the antique car from The Historical Society. We decked them out with wreaths for a festive flair.

I WAS THRILLED TO help represent the six charities. I handpicked every accessory that was borrowed from the nonprofits and used specific items to convey a different message about each organization. As guests exited homes, they found envelopes to use for donations.

In the foyer, a tree was decorated for the New Canaan Fire Department.



Marshall celebrates A Better Chance in the kitchen, New Canaan Mounted Troop in the dining room and The Tiny Miracles Foundation under a holiday tree.

