

# Your Birdhouse Will Help Provide a Safe Haven for Troubled Teens!

Birdhouse by Robert Halperin



## Be a Part of a Fabulous & Fun Event

Join well-known artists, architects, designers, celebrities, and your neighbors in supporting Project Return – a special home where troubled teenage girls are provided a supportive place to heal. Don't miss being a part of a unique, highly publicized and enormously successful art event that explodes with color and creativity all to benefit this important program.

## Let Your Creativity Take Flight

Let's blow the roof off the birdhouse auction with your imagination! Create your "birdhouse" in any medium or in any format with a bird or birdhouse theme: birdhouses, paintings, antiques, & bird feeders are all acceptable, the more whimsical and unique the better. **Birdhouses for use outdoors are especially desirable.**

## Important Parameters:

- Larger birdhouses are best received when made for use outdoors.
- Birdhouses should be no larger than a swan or smaller than a robin's egg.

- Birdhouse contributions should be sturdy enough to withstand transportation to store windows, to the



Birdhouse by Isabelle Lee

auction and to the final owners' residence.

- No store-bought contributions without your embellishment please.
- Only one birdhouse per artist.
- Sign your birdhouse.

## Important Note

We reserve the right to limit the number of birdhouses in order to maximize the presentation and display of each piece of artwork.

Birdhouse by Dalton Ghetti



**Complete your birdhouse and deliver it to the birdhouse committee anytime before the deadline: Feb. 1, 2010.**

Birdhouse by Jennifer Rose



## Receive Recognition for your Contribution

Your birdhouse may be spotlighted in the tri-state area in newspapers, radio or TV, and in special events before the auction. Artist information will be displayed with the birdhouses and in the program accompanying the auction.

## Experience the Exuberance of the Event

Join us at our stunning new venue, Rolling Hills Country Club and meet hundreds of people who are interested in buying your creation; enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with fellow artists and supporters of Project Return and help us blow the feathers off the fowl! Watch for other special events that will rock the aviaries to mark the Auction's 15th Anniversary!

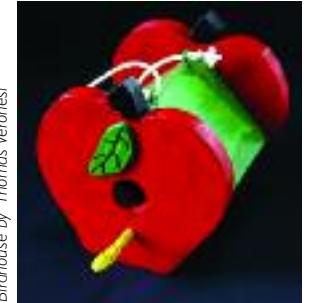
## Soaring Successes

The first 14 Project Return Birdhouse Auctions were soaring successes. More than 500 guests attended each event and over 2300 birdhouses were contributed, generating nearly \$1 million to benefit Project Return.

## What is Project Return?

Project Return is a temporary home for teenage girls where over 145 residents have been helped since its inception in 1986. A therapeutic residential group home, Project Return provides love, security, structure, guidance, and both tears and laughter to girls who, for a multitude of reasons, cannot stay safely in their parents homes. They come from many backgrounds; many have experienced abuse. This is their place to heal.

Birdhouse by Thomas Veronesi



## Why birdhouses?

Birdhouses are a safe haven for birds on a journey. Though seldom their final residence, the birdhouses provide temporary, protective shelters for birds in transition. Such is Project Return: a way station for troubled girls while they repair their lives and find their wings, ultimately to make their way back home to a more settled life.

Birdhouse by Pierre Lahaussais



## Your Participation is More Important than Ever

Fund-raising has never been more important because of the ever-escalating costs of providing high-quality, 24-hour-a-day care for seven

girls. State funding provides, at most, **only two-thirds of operating costs** for such an important place for young girls. The rest must come from the generosity of friends.

We hope you will be able to join us in the excitement of this year's event. If you are unable to create a birdhouse this year, you can endow a birdhouse instead.

**Call Project Return at (203) 291-6402.**

**Deadline to  
deliver Birdhouses:  
Feb. 1, 2010**



Birdhouse by Nash Hyon

## Project Return's 15th Annual Birdhouse Auction & Fund-Raiser

**March 19, 2010**

**Place: Rolling Hills Country Club**

333 Hurlbutt St., Wilton, CT

For more information about  
Project Return or the Birdhouse Auction,  
call 203-291-6402, or view the website:  
[www.projectreturnct.org](http://www.projectreturnct.org).



Birdhouse by Eileen Carnes

Donated birdhouses will be showcased in  
live and silent auctions, and in local media.  
The event will feature cocktails, a martini bar,  
hors d'oeuvres and entertainment.



Brochure designed by Miggs Burroughs  
Logo design by Hans Wilhelm  
Photos by Lorin Klaris

## Project Return's 15th Annual Birdhouse Auction & Fund-Raiser

Place: Rolling Hills Country Club  
Wilton, CT

**March 19, 2010**

Create a Birdhouse  
to Benefit Troubled Teens

**Birdhouses due Feb 1, 2010**



copyright Hans Wilhelm

# Birdhouse Contributor Information

We need information about you to include in publicity and in the program. Please feel free to enumerate your accomplishments and special talents.

Publicizing your efforts is one small way we say thank you for your contribution to Project Return, as well as heighten interest in your creation.

### Return this form ASAP to:

Totney Benson  
17 Buena Vista Drive  
Westport, CT 06880  
Phone: 203-227-4895  
Fax: 203-227-3511  
Email: Ben3RB@aol.com

**deliver birdhouses to the above address by Feb. 1, 2010**

For additional information, call 203-291-6402.



# Project Return's 15th Annual Birdhouse Auction & Fundraiser

March 19, 2010 • Birdhouses due by Feb 1, 2010

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please Name your Birdhouse \_\_\_\_\_
2. Can this birdhouse be used outdoors  Yes  No
3. Is your birdhouse designed for a specific bird species? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Please describe any unusual materials and techniques used to construct your birdhouse \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. When not making birdhouses, what is your occupation or professional background? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Please describe: A) Awards you have received; B) Where your work has been exhibited; C) Where can people currently see your work. (Attach additional information) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Please provide an artist statement about your work and/or your birdhouse. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please feel free to attach additional information. You may also supply us with a small quantity of business cards (4"x6" max) for display on our Photo table.**