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**Chicago Design Community to Take a Seat for a Cause During Chairs for Charity October 3;  
Tickets on Sale Now**

*The Merchandise Mart to host annual charity event as part of Design Chicago, the Midwest's largest residential design conference*

**CHICAGO, IL (September 19, 2017)** – The Chicago design community will come together on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the historic Merchandise Mart (theMART) for Chairs for Charity, the philanthropic event from *Splash*, in conjunction with *Chicago* magazine, that challenges area designers with the task of reviving a vintage chair for a good cause.

[Tickets for Chairs for Charity are now on sale.](#) All proceeds benefit Designs for Dignity, a non-profit organization that transforms the existing spaces of other non-profits through pro bono services.

In addition, guests who register for Design Chicago will receive a discount code for \$15 off a ticket to Chairs for Charity. For more information and to register for Design Chicago, visit [DesignChicagoEvent.com](http://DesignChicagoEvent.com).

“Chairs for Charity is always an incredible event,” said Susan McCullough, Senior Vice President at theMART. “We’re proud to welcome *Splash*, *Chicago* magazine, and our city’s design community into the Merchandise Mart during Design Chicago to come together and celebrate great design for a worthwhile cause.”

The *Chicago* magazine staff has challenged 17 area designers to repurpose a vintage chair, giving it new life. Each one-of-a-kind chair will be auctioned off during a beautiful evening featuring gourmet bites, specialty cocktails and over 250 Chicago area design enthusiasts.

Chairs for Charity featured designers include:

- Anthony Michael, Anthony Michael Interior Ingenuity
- Brooke Henton Lang, Brooke Lang Design, Inc.
- Cynthia Smith, CCS Interior Design
- Deb Reinhart, Deb Reinhart Interior Design Group
- Debbie Auer, Debbie Auer Associates
- Doug Van Tress, The Golden Triangle
- Edyta Czajkowska, Edyta & Co.
- Eva Quateman, Eva Quateman Interiors
- Fern Allison, Lakeside Interiors, Inc.
- Georgia Loukas, Impact Design
- Grace Sielaff, M. Grace Designs Inc.
- Janet Blutter Shiff, Blutter/Shiff Design Associates
- Kelly Hurliman
- Kenneth Walter, Gray & Walter Associates
- Linc Thelen
- Mitchell Channon, Mitchell Channon Design
- Susan Sissman, Susan Sissman Design, LLC

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Chairs for Charity concludes day one of Design Chicago, the Midwest's largest, most immersive residential design conference, hosted by [The Design Center at the Merchandise Mart](#) and [LuxeHome](#). Design Chicago will showcase 39 featured presentations and 25 CEU programs featuring industry luminaries, 14 strategic media partners and more than a dozen well-respected editors, along with 50 open houses, 56 featured product debuts and 9 newly opened showrooms ready to be explored.

Design Chicago will welcome leading interior design, architecture and luxury custom homebuilding professionals from across the Midwest, as well as coast-to-coast. All programming on the Merchandise Mart's 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> floors is complimentary to the trade-only audience.

#### **About the Design Center at The Merchandise Mart (theMART)**

The Design Center, located in Chicago's historic Merchandise Mart, is home to four floors constituting the world's largest and finest design center. As a leader in the \$65 billion residential home furnishings market, the Design Center offers the largest presentation of high-end, customizable, residential and outdoor home furnishings worldwide, all under one roof. Encompassing 750,000 square feet, boasting more than 125 showrooms and featuring more than 2,500 product lines, it is the ultimate resource for designers and design enthusiasts of luxury furniture, fabrics, floor coverings, wall coverings, lighting and much more. For more information, visit [designcenter.com](http://designcenter.com). Visit Design Center on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

#### **About LuxeHome®**

LuxeHome is the world's largest collection of premier boutiques for home building and renovation located on the first floor of the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. With more than 125,000 square feet of showroom space featured in over 35 boutiques, LuxeHome is host to the finest products for home building and renovation from the most recognized and respected manufacturers worldwide.

LuxeHome offers discerning homeowners and trade professionals one-stop shopping convenience with access to the finest kitchen, bath, tile, lighting, cabinetry, appliances, countertops and much more. LuxeHome displays the widest selection of products to suit all upscale design styles, from modern European to classic American to traditional English. In addition to the extensive lineup of premier brands, each boutique offers knowledgeable designers who are available to assist with all phases of each design project. LuxeHome's boutiques are open for shopping Monday through Saturday. For more information, visit [www.luxehome.com](http://www.luxehome.com). Follow LuxeHome on [Facebook](#), [Houzz](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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