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Celebrity designer Jane Lockhart joins the line-up to re-purpose a chair for the #chairaffair

Furniture Bank hosts their 4th annual Chair Affair to raise money and awareness

Toronto- Celebrity designer and host of W's and HGTV US's top rated design show Colour Confidential, Jane Lockhart, has officially agreed to design one of the chairs available for auction at The Chair Affair in support of Canadian Charity Furniture Bank. The Chair Affair takes place this November and will raise money by hosting the designer chair auction and silent auction.

Furniture Bank put out the call for participation in this event to all local designers in early August. Once Lockhart learned about the charity, she immediately knew this was something she wanted to support. "I am so pleased to be a part of the Chair Affair this year," said Lockhart. "I think Furniture Bank is doing a terrific job in the community and more people need to be made aware of the good they are doing. Events such as the Chair Affair are a great way engage the community and really bring Furniture Bank to the forefront in people's minds."

Furniture Bank is not open to the public; potential recipients of this service are referred by over 70 agencies in the GTA who deal with those in need on a daily basis. Once someone receives a referral to Furniture Bank, they are given an appointment and invited to 'shop' the warehouse with a Furniture Bank volunteer. The volunteer helps them pick-out as much furniture and household items as they require. Furniture Bank was started by Sister Anne Schenck in 1998 and has helped over 60,000 individuals in need.

Lockhart met with the Executive Director of Furniture Bank, Dan Kershaw, earlier in the summer to pick the perfect chair to re-purpose for to the auction. Lockhart was torn between two chairs, but eventually settled on a high back armchair that appears to be about 40 years old. It is made of solid wood and has an upholstered back and seat.

Lockhart has plans to re-finish the existing wood and reupholster the seat and back with new fabrics that speak to this year's "Canada" theme. With the cool weather soon approaching, her chair will be perfect to set up in the cottage and drink hot tea in while being draped in blankets and quietly watching the lake.

Lockhart is excited to be working with over 36 other designers including, Andrew Pike of Pike Interiors, Kate Davidson of Kate Davidson Design Inc. and Terry Edward Briceland of TEB Interiors. The array of chairs designed will make for a memorable night.

The Chair Affair takes place on November 12th at the Palais Royale located at on the Toronto waterfront. It is sure to be a night full of laughs, as the evening will be hosted by Rick Green, celebrity auctioneer, and Patrick McKenna. There will also be Juno award winning musical entertainment including Fat Head. For more information, please visit

<http://www.furniturebank.org/chair-affair/>.

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