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**SEASONS GREETINGS AT THE THIRD ANNUAL GEORGETOWN JINGLE
Acclaimed DC Designers Decorate Holiday Trees to Benefit the Pediatric Bone Marrow
Transplantation Program and Childhood Cancer Survivorship Program at Georgetown University
Hospital**

WASHINGTON, DC (October 3, 2008) -- The Washington Design Center and some of the most recognized interior designers in the DC area will showcase beautifully-decorated holiday trees at the third annual Georgetown Jingle at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, DC on Sunday, December 14, 2008 from 4-8 p.m. The Georgetown Jingle is a family-friendly holiday event to benefit the Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, Blood and Marrow Transplantation Program at Georgetown University Hospital.

Attendees to the Georgetown Jingle will be inspired by festive trees decorated by DC's noteworthy design teams including Camille Beers Design Studio, David Herchik, JDS Designs, Inc., Matt Swingly, McMaster Wallace Interiors, LLC, Hines & Co, Brad Weesner, plus many more. The trees will adorn the Four Seasons courtyard in a beautiful tented "Winter Wonderland" from November 20, 2008 through the Christmas holiday (?). Holiday Trees will be auctioned off to garnish the home during the holidays!

This year's designers and tree themes include:

Design Co-Chairs: Frank Babb Randolph & Hines & Co. Showroom

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| 1. | Camille Beers Design Studio | <i>Crystal Christmas</i> |
| 2. | Gloria de Lourdes Blalock | <i>Star Light, Star Bright</i> |
| 3. | David Herchik, JDS Designs, Inc. | <i>Scrooge's Surprise</i> |
| 4. | Deb Johns and Melissa Overmeyer, Design-o-Matics | <i>Tiny Baubles</i> |
| 5. | Karen Luria, Karen Luria Interior Identity, Inc. | <i>A Nutcracker's Suite</i> |
| 6. | Sandra Meyers | <i>Fairy Princesses</i> |
| 7. | Michael Roberson | <i>A Winter's Night</i> |
| 8. | Rachel Roth, Urban Country | <i>Samantha's Tree</i> |
| 9. | Camille Saum | <i>Vrove Kriegel's</i> |
| 10. | Victor Shargai & Associates | <i>Peace</i> |
| 11. | Whitney Stewart | <i>Comic Book Heroes</i> |
| 12. | Brad Weesner | <i>Southern Magnolia Christmas</i> |
| 13. | Matt Swingly, McMaster Wallace Interiors, LLC | <i>Green Tree</i> |
| 14. | Hines & Co. | <i>Star Studded Celebrity Tree</i> |

Hosted by the Four Seasons Hotel Washington, JDS Designs, Inc. and The Washington Design Center, the holiday extravaganza will feature gourmet food from the area's finest restaurants, holiday music and live entertainment, a CVS Workshop, where children decorate delicious cookies, create festive cards, munch on kid-friendly food and meet Santa and a Silent Auction where attendees can bid on a fantastic assortment of gifts, including children's accessories, luxurious spa packages, sports tickets, vacations

and more. This year, car aficionados will be thrilled to participate in the Raffle for a cool Mercedes replica. Tickets are \$100 and benefit a great cause.

"We are thrilled to organize such a wonderful holiday event that can be enjoyed by the entire family. The design community is truly generous and they have been instrumental in helping to raise money for Georgetown Pediatrics", says Julia Chappell, marketing director at The Washington Design Center.

The Georgetown Jingle will take place on Sunday, December 14, 2008 from 4– 8 p.m. at the Four Seasons Hotel Washington, DC. Tickets are \$150 per person, family packages are available for \$350 and kids 3-18 are \$50 and under 2 are free. For ticket sales, please visit www.georgetownjingle.com.

ABOUT THE WASHINGTON DESIGN CENTER

Dedicated to providing the finest in home furnishings to the design trade, The Washington Design Center houses over 60 wholesale residential, commercial and building products showrooms. Considered the mid-Atlantic region's largest resource and destination for the design industry, The Washington Design Center works closely with designers to guarantee consumers the best possible luxury shopping experience.

The Washington Design Center is located at 300 D Street, SW in Washington, DC. Above the Federal Center SW Metro Station, The Washington Design Center is served by the Orange and Blue lines.

To learn more about the Fall Design House, The Washington Design Center and its showrooms, programs and special events, call 202.646.6100 or visit the Design Center online at www.dcdesigncenter.com.

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ABOUT JDS DESIGNS, INC

JDS Designs, Inc is a leading design firm operating in the Washington area since 1984. David A. Herchik, president, and his partner, Richard J. Looman, have created a most unique firm committed to glamour and luxury as defined by each individual client. In addition to a strong Washington presence, JDS caters to its growing list of clientele from Greenwich, Connecticut to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Herchik and Looman became personally committed to raising funds for pediatric cancer research and programs after a friend's daughter was diagnosed with leukemia in 2004.

ABOUT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Georgetown University Hospital is a 609- licensed bed, not-for-profit, acute-care teaching and research facility located in Northwest Washington, DC. Georgetown's clinical services represent one of the largest, most geographically diverse, and fully integrated healthcare and delivery networks in the area. Georgetown is home to the internationally known Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, as well as centers of excellence in the neurosciences, gastroenterology, transplant and vascular surgery.

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