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Our House

(IS A VERY, VERY, VERY FINE HOUSE)

Here is an update on the *D Home* 2005 Showhouse.

THE WALLS ARE UP, we're arguing (amicably, most of the time) about color, and the Design District is abuzz with ideas for the *D Home* 2005 Showhouse. In the past few weeks we have received numerous phone calls, e-mails, and letters asking about the house, so we've put together this FAQ for your perusal. Keep those questions coming. After all, this is our home and your home—and the doors are open.

If you have questions, feel free to e-mail Showhouse Project manager Meghan Richardson at meghanr@dmagazine.com.

Q: Where is the house?

A: The house is located in the gated Oaks of Williamsburg community at 6325 Carrington, which is a block east of Preston Road between Spring Valley and Belt Line Road.

Q: What is the architectural style of the house?

A: In the *D Home* Showhouse, architect Richard Drummond Davis, mines the vernacular architecture of the traditional French farmhouse. The harshness of the Provençal climate matches our own, so it is both romantic and practical. Primarily stucco, the house also incorporates smooth and rough-cut limestone and antique brick, all whitewashed and housed under a tile roof. Old French farmhouses aren't just for people but also horses, the family cow, and essential farm tools. If you look at Dallas houses built in the early part of the 20th century by Charles Dilbeck in the Park Cities, Lakewood, and Oak Cliff, you'll get an idea of our Showhouse's attitude. And our "French family" currently is our *D Home* team, plus the talented architect, builder, and landscaper that are among the top picks of affluent Dallasites when building new homes.

From humble origins in ancient France to a multimillion-dollar Dallas residence? It's true. But

our "outbuildings" are a pair of double garages, our horse trough—a swimming pool and spa, and our kitchen garden and fields are a meticulously-designed tangle of roses, ivies, flowering trees, and herbs, which will cover the exterior and frame the driveway and motor court, all planned to perfection by Lambert's. And while the exterior may be 17th-century in visual inspiration, the house's guts are 21st-century innovation. Our Showhouse embodies everything our magazine strives for—comfort, luxury, and beauty. Drive by and take a peek.

Q: How are the participating showrooms chosen?

A: Each room in the house is sponsored by a *D Home* advertiser. In some cases, showrooms have appointed their own designers; in other cases, the magazine coordinated the design appointment. Our intention is to show the work of a number of talented designers and offer visitors an exciting opportunity to view (and purchase) furniture and accessories that for the most part are offered to the trade only.

Q: Who owns the house?

A: The 2005 *D Home* Showhouse is built and owned by Sharif & Munir. The house is for sale, and it will be truly the fruit of the best of the best in Dallas. Please call Mickey Munir at 972-788-1234 for more information.

Q: Are charities involved?

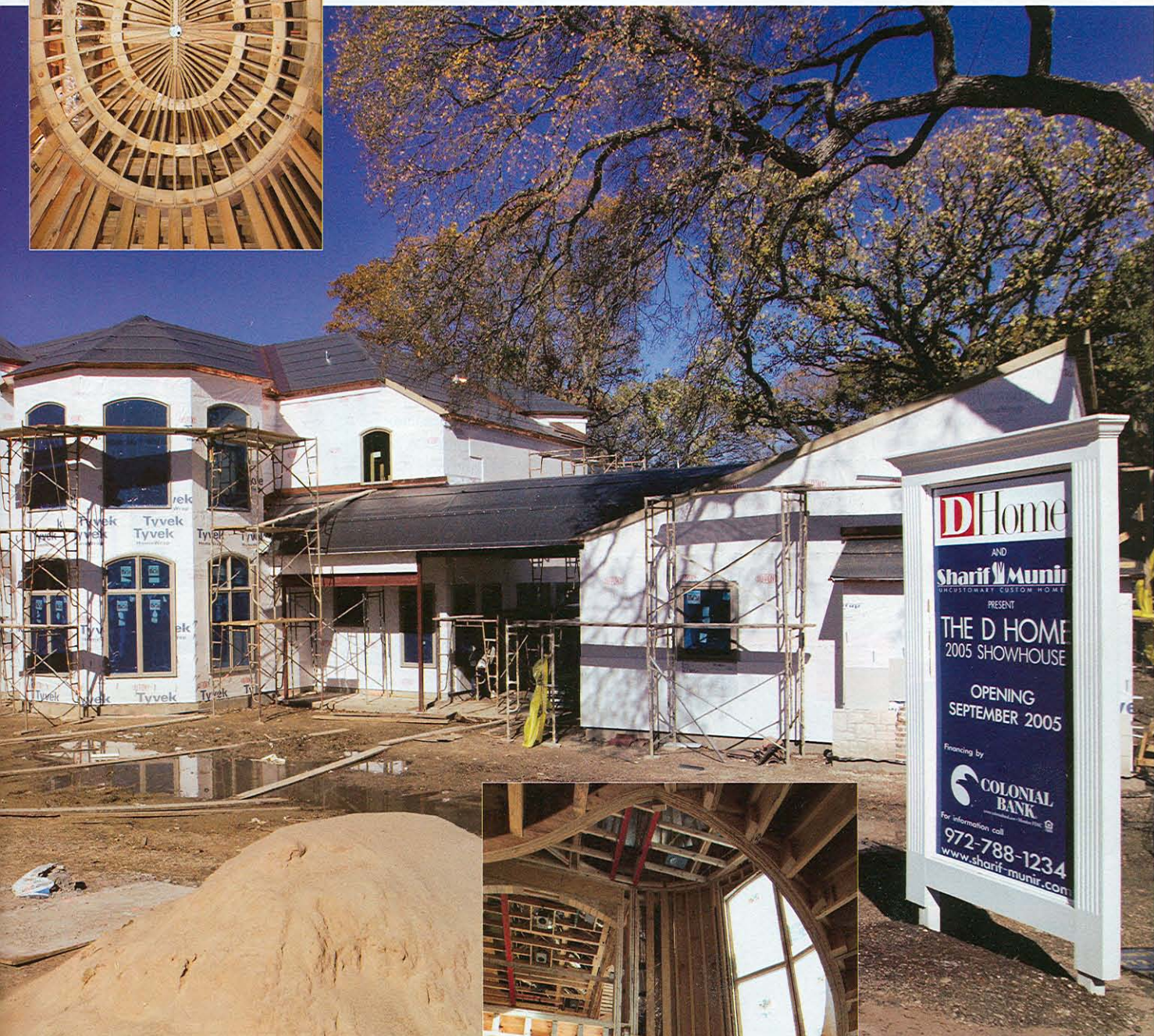
A: Yes. We are so enthusiastic about the possibility not only to offer visitors a wonderful experience touring the showhouse, but also to benefit the community, especially area children. Children's Medical Center of Dallas will host tours for four weeks this fall, from September 28 through October 23. Volunteers and friends of Children's will be selling



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September 28–October 23
benefiting
Children's Medical Center

Preview Week:
September 21–27
benefiting
National Kidney Foundation





tickets and receiving proceeds from ticket sales, and they also will sell all of the art, antiques, furniture, and accessories in the house, receiving a share of those proceeds. The showhouse will open its doors just as Children's begins breaking ground on its remarkable new facility in Plano on Legacy, about which we will be sharing more news in future issues. In addition, we are delighted to be working with the National Kidney Foundation of North Texas for Preview Week, September 21 through 27, which also will sell tickets and furnishings to the public.

TOP: Designer Nancy Ross created the extraordinary dome ceiling in the wine room, shown here framed out.

ABOVE: Our house as it takes form in the recent months. (Okay, it rained the night before.)

LEFT: Our winding staircase in the entry hall. Check out the worker for scale.

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