PURPOSE

Maintaining our 16 group homes is an expensive and ongoing project for The Kennedy Center. The cost to upkeep the homes far exceeds the funding received. Reimbursements from the State no longer exist for most of these repairs and upgrades. In order to continue proper maintenance of our homes, we developed The Adopt-A-Home program.

Through the program, a business, civic organization, or an individual provides resources to accomplish one or more projects at a selected home. Our main priority is to find a project that best meets the needs of the adopter. Several options have been created to make this process as simple and effortless as possible.

TAKEAWAYS

- Satisfaction of knowing you have enriched and deeply touched others
- Awareness of the needs and limitations of people with disabilities
- Great way to promote teambuilding and camaraderie within a group

ADOPT-A-HOME BLOG

Adopter: Bigelow Tea
Home: Wayne Road

Cindi Bigelow, President of Bigelow Tea, was thrilled with the volunteer experience and noted, “As a long-time admirer of the great works being done by The Kennedy Center, I was delighted for myself and my team to have the opportunity to help work on one of their residential homes. The experience couldn’t have been more gratifying.”

Adopter: Deloitte & Touche
Home: Connors Lane

Mary Ann Reichlen has been heading up the Deloitte & Touche team for over five years. They love doing the program because as she explains “the consumers come home at the end of the day and we see what excitement they have over the things we have done. They are so appreciative and so loving to be able to do things for.”

To find out more about the Adopt-A-Home Program, go to our website at www.thekennedycenterinc.org

or email adopt@kennedyctr.org
**PROGRAM OPTIONS**

**OPTION 1**
Select a HOME or JOB that can be completed in 1 day and contribute a minimum of $2,000.

By selecting a HOME, your team will stay in one location and will complete multiple projects at the home. This could include landscaping, painting and/or powerwashing.

By selecting a JOB, such as laying pavers for outdoor grill areas, your team may go to 3 or 4 locations in a day and complete that job at each location.

**KENNEDY CENTER RESPONSIBILITIES**
- Contacts Team Leader to discuss available projects/jobs and works with leader to best meet the needs of the team
- Assigns designated KC staff to coordinate and help supervise project
- Provides necessary equipment and materials for day projects

**TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES**
- Team Leader works with assigned KC staff on HOME or JOB project and then schedules date and time of project
- Team members bring gloves, or other personal articles (sunscren, hats, etc) plus lunch and snacks

**OPTION 2**
Contribute a minimum of $2,000 to the Adopt-A-Home program. Contribution can be designated to a particular home or put in a general fund for unforeseen needs at any home.

**OPTION 3**
Select a project that requires professional assistance and several days of work. This project may include updating a kitchen or bathroom; replacing flooring or building a deck. Team Leader would coordinate details of project with assigned KC staff.

**THE KENNEDY CENTER**

I, we would like to join the Adopt-A-Home program and have chosen the following Option:
- OPTION 1
- OPTION 2
- OPTION 3

If you selected OPTION 1, please complete the following:
My team would like to work during
- SPRING
- SUMMER
- FALL
- ANY SEASON
My Team wants to work on a
- HOME
- JOB
Location(s) we prefer:
- Bridgeport
- Fairfield
- Hamden
- Milford
- Monroe
- Oxford
- Stratford
- Trumbull
- ANY LOCATION
We have ______ members on our Team.
- A check for ______ is enclosed.
  please make checks payable to The Kennedy Center
- MasterCard
- Visa
- AMEX

Card #                                      Exp. Date     /
Name on Card                                  3-4 Digit Code

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Your Name
Company Name
Address
City                                      State                     Zip
Phone                                  Email

☐ donation is eligible for a Corporate Matching Gift

If you selected OPTION 3, please fill out contact information and we will contact you to discuss open projects that will meet your criteria in the program. If you have questions or need further information, please contact Renee East at 203.365.8522, ext. 204 or email reast@kennedyctr.org