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The Houston Design Center Hosts 10th Annual DECK THE TABLES
Luxury Design Facility Holiday Tabletop Event Benefited MAM Toy Drive

The Houston Design Center held the 10th Annual **DECK THE TABLES, Holiday Tabletop Tour** Tuesday December 5th through Friday December 8th featuring NYC celebrity event planner **DeJuan Stroud**.

More than 350 guests enjoyed the opening night festivities with Holiday music and festive hospitality as they toured a sampling of the exquisite tabletop décor in participating showrooms including *ASID, Alkusari Stone, Charlotte Nail Antiques, Corbin Young Design, Design House, Dream Theaters, Leisure Collections, MAI Memorial Antiques + Interiors, Off White, Silsby Nunes* and *Thorntree Slate & Marble*.

Celebrity event planner **DeJuan Stroud** showcased his holiday table scape “*An Elegant Rustic Christmas*” in the Alkusari Stone showroom expressly for the event. Mr. Stroud selected luxury French tabletop leader Christofle for flatware service and L’Objet dinnerware and ornaments. His centerpieces included red roses with calla lilies woven through golden globes, surrounded by candlelight. **DeJuan Stroud** is known for elegant weddings, celebrity events, and movie premieres, but his dream is to inspire and encourage everyone to bring flowers and beauty into their lives in an effortless way. In his first book, *DESIGNING LIFE’S CELEBRATIONS*, he presents seventeen at-home celebrations featuring spectacular table tops, glorious centerpieces, and simple how-to floral projects. Mr. Stroud offered guests insider tips on fine table design for the Holidays.

Other holiday table top designers participating in Deck the Tables include Aelicia Bayliss, Dana Boyd, Chase Dowell, Katie Galliano, Gretchen Gardner, Connie LeFevre, Bert Melnick, Ashton Morgan, Charlotte Nail, Tricia Nunes, Pamela O’Brien, Rainey Richardson, Sharon Staley & Adrian LaDay, DeJuan Stroud, Corbin Young and Oscar Zuniga.

“*Goodbye Harvey, Hello Hygge*” table scape won Best of Show and Best Theme at Design House; *Best Use of Color* winner was “*Winter Solstice Celebration*” at Thorntree Slate & Marble; Best Use of Florals and Greenery winner was “*Holiday in the Garden*” at Leisure Collections; Best Dinner Service winner was “*An Elegant Rustic Christmas*” at Alkusari Stone; and Most Creative winner was “*Hollywood Regency*” at Off White. People’s Choice award was given to “*Winter Solstice Celebration*” at Thorntree Slate & Marble.

Official sponsors of the 10th Annual Deck The Tables include Audi Central Houston, Heritage Texas Properties, Highland Park, Hotel Granduca, Macallan, MoëtHennessy, Pelican Builders, Inc., The Revere at River Oaks and Rombauer Vineyards.

Deck The Tables benefited *Memorial Assistances Ministries (MAM)* Toy Drive. MAM’s mission is to help families and individuals who find themselves in temporary crisis and in need of assistance to maintain self-sufficiency and avoid homelessness. As a tax-deductible Section 501© (3) non-profit organization, MAM provides emergency and financial assistance and other services designed to put clients back on their feet, largely the working poor faced with immediate and critical personal and family situations.

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