

# Beautiful homes, exciting speaker at CSL House Tour

5 magnificent homes open to the public Fri. & Sat. – plus VIP Tour



Photo by Treve Johnson

**This beautifully remodeled kitchen, with all the modern conveniences, is just one of many that can be seen on the CSL tour this Friday and Saturday, April 28-29**

Coming this week! Children's Support League of the East Bay presents the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Heart of the Home tour on Friday and Saturday April 28 and 29. The tour's heart of operations is at the Piedmont Community Center where a delicious lunch and the lively Pop-Up Boutique can be found on tour days.

### **Piedmont Community Center**

The CSL boutique, open both Friday and Saturday at the Piedmont Community Center, 711 Highland Avenue, features local vendors who donate 20% of their sales to the Children's Support League. This is a chance to shop for one-of-a-kind artisan goods that are not widely available and to find that special gift for Mother's Day and graduation. It is free to the public. A tour ticket is not needed to shop at the bou-

tique. Boutique hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 28, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Vendors will also be located at some of the houses on the tour.

A catered lunch, provided by El Sur and by GrilledCheezGuy, will be available at the Community Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days. Lunch tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 on tour days. Wine and desserts will be available for an extra charge.

### **Five Renewed Beauties**

The Heart of the Home tour centers on five beautiful homes in Piedmont and Oakland. The five homes on tour were all built over 100 years ago and are starting their second century in style. The homes include a remodeled Santa Barbara Monterey, a traditional Piedmont manor, a French Normandy with new décor, a redesigned 1911 Cape Cod, and a

period-preserved Spanish Mediterranean. Tour goers will be able to see how these homeowners have taken older homes and added modern conveniences, and in some cases made major structural upgrades leaving intact the character of the original home.

As an added bonus, live music will be performed by Shades of Gray on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at one of five tour homes.

### **Tour Tickets**

Tour tickets can be purchased online at [ChildrensSupportLeague.org](http://ChildrensSupportLeague.org) in advance for \$45 for tour only and \$55 with lunch. Day-of-tour tickets are \$50 for tour only and \$62 with lunch. Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase (5 for \$20) on tour days at the Community Center and at one of the homes.

VIP ticket holders will enjoy a Kick-Off party on Wednesday, April 26 at a sixth Piedmont home, as well as a VIP Friday breakfast with author Julie Barton, a Piedmont resident, whose book, *Dog Medicine, How My Dog Saved Me from Myself*,

is a New York Times Best-selling memoir.

### **About Children's Support League**

To date, CSL has awarded over \$3.5 million to nonprofits that focus on crisis shelter, child advocacy, counseling and therapy, special needs and educational support. CSL, an all-volunteer group, donates 96% of proceeds to the charities.

Proceeds from the tour will benefit at-risk children in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.