

## Decorating for the Kids

**D**ebbie Monahan and Halle Chiappone just want to make homes a little brighter for sick children. So the pair founded the Color Your Corner charity, along with help from Chardonay's Day Spa & Salon in Concord.

Combining their interior decorating and fund-raising skills, the women plan to redecorate for free the bedrooms of kids who will not be able to leave their rooms much once they come home from the hospital.

The inspiration came at the prompting of the spa, which was looking to get involved in a charity. And because Chiappone, 39, an interior designer at Charley's Loft in Mentor, and Monahan, 41, have both had family members stricken with diseases and restricted to their homes, the women

knew how they wanted to help.

"I'm not a brain surgeon, I'm not going to be coming up with the cure for brain cancer," Chiappone says. "I want to do something to help these kids out."

For the Color Your Corner's first event, Feb. 1, the spa plans to donate a portion of the day's profits to the charity. Then, representatives from Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital of University Hospitals in Cleveland will select the children.

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