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## IT'S SHOW TIME!

13 Designers Transform  
Frances Langford's Beach  
House With Eco-Friendly  
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Twenty-six hands re-work the  
**FRANCES LANGFORD** beach house.

# All Hands On Deck

*Question:* How do you fit 13 independent interior designers into one home and achieve a unified look?

*Answer:* Have them design a showcase house benefiting the Children's Home Society.

**I**t started with a mission to raise \$5 million for the Children's Home Society and its eventual construction of a transitional home. The result was a remarkable home and an everlasting memory for the community.

With the famed Frances Langford beach home as the canvas, co-chairs Judith Weber, Eileen Morris and Mary Washer asked 13 local designers to contribute to the masterpiece. Having a decidedly "beach chic" theme in mind, Washer – creative director of the showcase home as well as one of the designers – gave the other 12 designers free rein in their own assignments. Each designer also incorporated eco-friendly elements in their work.

"It's really been not just a work of art, but a work of love," Weber, a CHS board member, says. "The designers were fabulous and the design is wonderful. Plus, we're making money for the transitional facility."

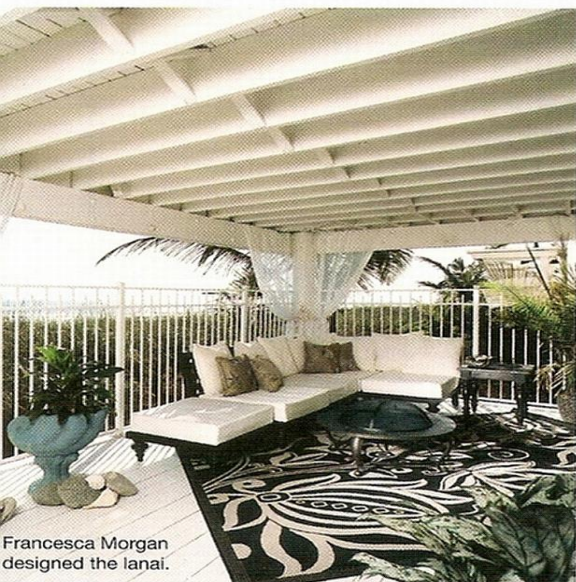
With a mission to find all children a safe and loving home, CHS's Treasure Coast branch is working to create a transitional home for foster children who turn 18. At the time of publishing, CHS has raised \$3 million of the \$5 million in its fund drive.

"When we talked about this, I thought, 'My god, my kids are 42 years old and they are still coming to me,'" co-chair Eileen Morris says. "I couldn't imagine being 18 and needing help. And aging out at 18! They are still kids when they are 18."

For Weber, the experience was well worth all the hard work. Weber says, "The other day someone said to me, 'Would you do it again?' and I said, 'Yes, in a heartbeat.'"

The following pages highlight five of the 13 brilliant designers' works.

By **Jamie Lord**  
Photography By Joseph Stern



Francesca Morgan designed the lanai.



# francesca morgan

# POWDER ROOM

**J**UST OFF THE ENTRYWAY TO THE GREAT ROOM is a small but spectacular powder room designed by Francesca Morgan. Grass cloth wallpaper in sea mist, ecru and sand sets the color palette and provides continuity from the great room.

"It was critical to me that everything flowed," Morgan says. "The ceiling is so high and so vast, [so] I used a darker turquoise to integrate it. And in the area where the toilet is, I thought why not really make it a throne, so we draped burlap from the ceiling down the wall to create impact."

The burlap fabric is bordered in a sea mist green and studded with bleached starfish for a fantasy setting.

The small utilitarian window that looks out to the porch has been turned into a porthole through the use of an upholstered window box with a circle cut from the center and refitted with stained glass. The cabinetry is in a milky blue crackle with sea life pulls, and over the sink is a dainty, feminine awning in silk.

"I wanted to draw your eye into this pretty little powder room," Morgan says. "I wanted to use natural fabrics such as silk and jute."

Morgan also designed the lanai – a casual outdoor space where she worked to achieve a kick-your-shoes-off casual chic that is "what Florida living is all about."

"I used very subtle colors so as not to clash with the yellow of the exterior of the house," she says. "It is a romantic view framed with gauze draperies and filled with teak furniture, shell pillows, a little iron and a fire pit. You could spend the day out there."



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**Faux on cabinetry:** Linda Stonum, 772.260.7655

**Plumbing fixtures:** European Kitchen Sink & Bath, 772.221.3990

**Sea glass art piece:** Laura Jones of Discover Your Style & Co., 772.286.8676

**Chandelier (recreated from an existing fixture):** Laura Jones of Discover Your Style & Co., 772.286.8676

**Manufacturing of soft fabric treatments:** Alain Fitoussi, 772.286.8676