STEPPING STONES SHELTER
MOVING FAMILIES FORWARD

At Stepping Stones Shelter, we are constantly reminded that meaningful change rarely happens because of one person alone. It happens when people see a need, open their hearts, and decide, “I can do something to help.”

We recently had the incredible privilege of experiencing that kind of generosity through Peltrie Place, a design-focused real estate firm that brings new life to old homes through thoughtful restoration and a beautiful belief that a home should feel like exactly that, home.

The sisters behind Peltrie Place, Allyson Bronner and Robyn Segal, brought that belief to Stepping Stones in a way that touched us deeply. They completely renovated and furnished our family room and playroom, transforming these spaces into beautiful, warm, and welcoming places for the families who call Stepping Stones home.

But Allyson and Robyn gave us so much more than a renovation.

They gave us their time, creativity, expertise, energy, resources, and hearts. They spent countless hours thinking about what our families and children would need, carefully selecting furnishings, creating spaces filled with warmth and joy, and making sure every detail felt intentional. And they generously donated all of the furnishings and their work at no cost to Stepping Stones.

That kind of generosity is difficult to put into words.
For families who walk through our doors, life can feel uncertain. They may be facing circumstances they never imagined, trying to rebuild their lives while caring for their children. In those moments, the environment around them matters.

A beautiful, comfortable space tells a family something powerful:

You matter.
Your children matter.
You are worthy of kindness.
You deserve a place that feels like home.

That is what Allyson and Robyn created for our families.
Their generosity is also a beautiful reminder of something we deeply believe at Stepping Stones: there is so much good in people. When we look beyond ourselves and recognize the needs of others, we have the ability to make an extraordinary difference. We may not all have the same resources or talents, but we all have something we can give.

We have so much faith in the goodness of people and in the power of a community that comes together to lift up those who are struggling. Allyson and Robyn are a beautiful example of what happens when someone uses the gifts they have been given to bless someone else.

To Allyson and Robyn: thank you will never feel like enough. Thank you for seeing our families, for believing they deserved beautiful spaces, and for giving so generously of yourselves. Thank you for the love and thought you poured into every corner of these rooms. You didn't simply renovate a family room and playroom—you helped create a place where children can play, families can breathe, and our residents can experience a little bit of comfort during a difficult chapter of their lives.

We are incredibly grateful that your paths led you to Stepping Stones, and we hope you know just how deeply your kindness will be felt by the families who come through our doors for years to come.

And a special thank you to Bethesda's Wonderland Books for generously donating so many wonderful books for our children and families. These books will bring imagination, comfort, learning, and joy to countless children for years to come.

Projects like this remind us that hope is built by people. It is built every time someone chooses compassion over indifference, generosity over convenience, and love over looking away.

We are so grateful for the people who continue to believe in our families, believe in the work we do, and believe that everyone deserves a safe place to call home.

Thank you, Allyson and Robyn, for being those people for us.

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