

## Barrington-based group holding fund-raiser

*Event is set for June 18 in Watch Hill and will benefit Providence School in India*

Friends of Providence School, which is based in Barrington, will join in a unique fund-raising event on June 18 in Watch Hill to help raise money for the institution.

The cornerstone of the opening celebration of the new beachfront luxury hotel, Ocean House, will be "Show Your Cause," a Designer Show House fund-raising event to benefit regional non-profits. "Show Your Cause" offers organizations like Friends of Providence School the chance to not only raise money but to be one of the first to experience Ocean House after its \$140 million rebuild and restoration.

Providence School, located east of Bangladesh in India, is an academic and vocational school for extremely impoverished children. Barrington resident Ted Wetherill launched Friends of Providence School, which supports the insti-

tution.

"We're delighted to have our first fund-raising event at the magnificent Ocean House and are grateful for the opportunity to raise awareness for Providence School," Mr. Wetherill said. "We're so fortunate to be able to enjoy this spectacular venue, and it will make us even more mindful of the underprivileged children on the other side of the world whom we are helping — children who do not even attend the free state schools because their parents cannot afford the books.

"Funds raised through our Ocean House event will be used to defray all the most basic costs of running our school, such as staff and supplies. For families whose monthly income is less than \$20, any donations will go a very long way," Mr. Wetherill added.

For a minimum \$75 donation, attendees of the Show House will receive an exclusive tour of five of the property's 23 private residences, each decorated by leading Northeast interior designers: Cindy Rinfret, Rinfret, Ltd. of Greenwich, Conn., Hilary Hem-

inway, Hilary Heminway Interiors of Stonington and New York; Peter Niemitz, Niemitz Design Group, Inc. of Boston; Susan Loney and Lisa Ballou, Art Design Interiors of Providence and Watch Hill; and Iliana Moore, Iliana Moore Interiors of Bronxville, N.Y.

The tour and designer showcase will be followed by a tour of the resort and a luncheon featuring local farm-to-table cuisine of the Atlantic northeast. Attendees can then visit Ocean House's first trunk show, featuring talented artists and designers from the local area.

"This is a truly unique opportunity in that 100 percent of the proceeds of this event will benefit Providence School," Ocean House Head of Real Estate Donna Simmons said. "It is a wonderful way for Friends of Providence School to make use of the Ocean House to raise funds at no expense to the organization."

For more information on how donors and non-profit organizations can participate, call 315-5599 or write to [dsimmons@oceanhouserri.com](mailto:dsimmons@oceanhouserri.com).

