

# Get remodeling ideas while helping Rady Children's Hospital

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Area residents can enjoy a home tour of newly renovated kitchens and baths this Saturday, which benefits a worthy cause, San Diego-based Rady Children's Hospital.

"We hope people will come, be inspired and take ideas home," said Elizabeth Leahy with Leahy Interior Designs in 4S Ranch.

She serves as vice president of technology and communications for tour presenter, the San Diego Chapter of National Kitchen and Bath Association.

NKBA typically provides all sorts of details for those wanting to improve the interior of their homes, she said.

Six homes, two in Poway, one in Scripps Ranch, along with two in Mission Hills and a Coronado home are being featured from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 26.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door. Go to [www.NKBA.org](http://www.NKBA.org) to purchase tickets and see a map.

Primrose Design's Tina Kuhlman, an NKBA member, former Poway resident and current 4S Ranch homeowner, said the home she designed on Ranch Creek Lane in Poway has a bright, airy traditional style.

Those homeowners had an extensive collection of glass, china and salt and pepper shakers, which became a focal point inside the renovated kitchen.

Cabinetry is creamy white with seeded glass doors, while the island is alder wood, stained a deep walnut color.

The family often cooks together, so designers included a slender, center prep sink, while wide plank floors are comfortable underfoot.

"The kitchen looks like it has been there for years, but is user-friendly, energy-efficient and ready for the most particular of chefs," Kuhlman said.

Meanwhile, at the newly built Summit Circle abode, also in Poway, materials, colors and treatments are very real-world friendly, Kuhlman said.

The homeowners wanted rooms that could

accommodate large family gatherings with an emphasis on comfort and warm colors.

That palette flows from one room to another, she added.

Look for some surprise touches, such as a powder room with a jewel box of color — suede walls with an underlit onyx counter top and custom glass sconces.



The renovated kitchen in the above Poway home at 13592 Ranch Creek Lane will be open to tour guests this Saturday, June 26.

Leahy said that homeowners are returning to the classic look, neutrals for the kitchen, instead of blues and greens, which suppress an appetite.

Try reds or oranges in the kitchen, which creates an appetite, Leahy said.

To modernize a kitchen, cut out old, oak cabinet doors and install glass panels for a more airy look.

The greatest thing about tours is that a homeowner can walk away inspired to make changes in his or her own home, Leahy added.