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**The 2023 Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens to Open May 6th**  
*Featuring Honorary Chairs Ashley Whittaker and Timothy Whealon*

January 2, 2023--Lake Forest, Ill. -- The Lake Forest Chapter of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago will transform a red brick Georgian-style Lake Forest home designed in the late 1960s by architect William Frazier for the 2023 Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens. Featured in the redesign are a handsome 16-room main house, a seven room coach house and a gentleman's outbuilding with vaulted ceilings. The home is located near one of Lake Forest Open Lands' largest and oldest nature preserves. The estate is situated on more than 9 acres with elevated vistas ideal for taking in the surrounding native savanna and prairie. A team of over 35 leading landscape and interior designers are in the process of reimagining the estate, inside and out, which will open for viewing May 6, 2023, and remain open daily through June 4, 2023. Nationally-known NYC-based designers Ashley Whittaker and Timothy Whealon will serve as the honorary chairs of the 2023 Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens and participate in the keynote lecture, luncheon and book signing on a date that is to be determined.

Ashley Whittaker is an Elle Décor A-List interior decorator who has run her design business in New York City since 2006. Described as the "neo-traditionalist," Ashley Whittaker reveals her fresh and modern perspective on traditional design and architecture in all of her work, which is characterized by colorful, pattern-filled rooms. Her first book, "The Well-Loved House: Creating Homes with Color, Comfort and Drama," was published in September 2021 by Rizzoli.

Timothy Whealon is a Sotheby's trained Elle Décor A-List interior decorator. His work is rooted in classicism, with a modern twist and an emphasis on the fine and decorative arts. His designs are enhanced by both his extensive knowledge of the international art and antiques market and by his team of skilled artists and craftsmen who create many of the custom furniture pieces found in his signature interiors. The first monograph of his work, "In Pursuit of Beauty: The Interiors of Timothy Whealon," was published by Rizzoli in 2015.

Ashley and Timothy have been friends since early in their careers. They share a love of antiques and the artful mix of the high and the low. Together they have embarked on many shopping excursions filled with an abundance of laughter and fun. Ashley and Timothy look forward to discussing their friendship, anecdotes from

their travels, and their shared passion for design at the keynote lecture, potentially during the opening weekend of The Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens.

The Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens will be open to visitors seven days-a-week from May 6 through June 4, 2023: Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tickets to experience the estate either in morning or afternoon timeslots are available and many of the decorative items, art and furnishings in the rooms are for sale. All proceeds from sponsorships, tickets and designer sales, including from a volunteer-run boutique, benefit the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago, a non-profit celebrating more than 110 years of providing healthcare to Chicago's medically underserved.

Initially established in 1911 to provide fresh milk from health stations in response to high infant mortality, the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago has evolved to meet the changing health needs of vulnerable families in the Chicagoland area. Since the 1970s, the Infant Welfare Society has run IWS Family Health, a freestanding clinic in Logan Square that offers a wide array of healthcare services for the entire family. To date, the Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens has raised more than \$5 million for The Infant Welfare Society of Chicago and IWS Family Health.

For nearly 40 years, the Lake Forest Chapter of the Infant Welfare Society has produced a home to showcase the best in interior and landscape design. Typically a biennial program, the 2023 Showhouse marks the board's 19<sup>th</sup> production, with the last showhouse opening against all odds in July of 2020. Through a commitment to creativity, quality and professionalism, the volunteer-run Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens has become widely recognized as one of the top showhouses in the country. For up-to-date event information and to purchase tickets visit [www.lakeforestshowhouse.com](http://www.lakeforestshowhouse.com).

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