

Homeless agency's family day room gets an attractive, functional makeover

SHORT HILLS — Thanks to the creativity of three talented interior designers, the family day room at Interfaith House, headquarters of Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County in Plainfield, now serves its multiple functions beautifully.

The large room stands up to heavy traffic and usage, up to 16 people at a time, and was refurbished from floor to ceiling. The room is used as a waiting room, eating area, meeting space for two after-school programs and for families gathering at the end of the day be-

fore heading to the overnight shelter.

"When I heard about Interfaith and their work with the homeless, I wanted to help them transform the day room into a new multi-tasking family/community room — a space I envisioned to be as warm, inviting and hardworking as Interfaith's staff," said interior designer Amy Yin of Amy Yin Interiors, LLC in Short Hills. "We take pride in designing beautiful spaces that make you smile and bring you joy. Given the budget, this project was a challenge but I knew we could succeed with ingenuity, tricks of the trade,



Amy Yin

and designer resources."

Ms. Yin donated the design fees and commissions to help make the most of the budget. A grant from the Westfield Foundation provided funds to purchase the furniture.

"It was an honor to work with Interfaith. The project was so rewarding, knowing that we helped provide a safe place, if not for a few hours a day, where homeless children and adults could get the help they need and feel at home," said Ms. Yin.

Interfaith Council for The Homeless of Union County, headquartered at 905 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield, is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. For information, call 908-753-4001, ext. 20.



A NEW LOOK — Amy Yin of Short Hills was one of three interior designers who recently improved the family day room at Interfaith House, the headquarters of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, in Plainfield.