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# A Welcome Home

BAMO PUTS THE GRACIOUS FINISHING TOUCHES ON RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE AT STANFORD

**S**an Francisco interior design firm BAMO is known for creating superb residences and luxury hotels worldwide. Applying its hospitality skills to Ronald McDonald House at Stanford, the firm generously designed the first floor public spaces as part of Where Hope has a Home, a philanthropic initiative presented by the San Francisco Design Center and *SFC&G* that brought together 48 Bay Area firms to design the 52,000-square-foot expansion entirely pro bono. The result? An elegant suite of comforting spaces—entry, great room and kids’ playroom—that provides families in crisis a soothing, serene place to gather.

## BAMO Entry Lobby

“The lobby was conceived as a courtyard that serves as a gathering place, where visitors are welcome and resident families can feel a sense of community,” says Gerry Jue, a principal at BAMO. A focal point of the space—artist Steve Wiersema’s “Tree of Hope” sculpture that rises into the ceiling—echoes a majestic California live oak on the property, and is symbolic of those taking shelter at the house. Seating from Janus et Cie and cabinetry work by Tod Von Mertens, along with Phoenix Day Lighting and Ames Ingham pendants, create an inviting atmosphere. The space also features fabrics by C&C Milano, Glant Textiles and Osborne & Little.



## Inside Porch and Great Room (LEFT AND BELOW)

Just past the inside porch, a perfect spot for conversation with its cozy grouping of four wicker chairs, the double-height great room features “lots of natural daylight, comfortable furniture and open views through giant windows to the greenery outside,” observes Jue. “It provides a restful haven for adults to read, chat or enjoy a cozy fire.” The space is appointed with a Baker lounge chair, coffee table by Murray’s Iron Works, Oly Studio side chair and RH sofa, as well as additional seating from Design Within Reach and Sabin. A variety of lighting—from the likes of BDDW, Shade & Wire, The Wicker Works and Visual Comfort & Co.—add to the homey vibe, as do textiles by DeLany & Long, Edelman Leather, Moore & Giles, Pierre Frey and S. Harris. *See Resources.*



## Kids’ Room

(LEFT AND RIGHT) “To me,” says Jue, “family is everything. The fact that RMHS focuses on helping entire families, no matter their background or resources, meant a great deal.” BAMO made sure that the younger residents had their own great room—separate from, but within view of, the adult’s area—that allows for reading, playing and more. “The furnishings are kid friendly and fun, and include bean bags and a custom-designed stepped bookshelf unit that kids can climb onto,” says Jue. The team also sourced chairs from RH. *See Resources.*

