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## **DESCRIPTIONS OF TCNA MEMBER-DONATED BENCHES GIVEN TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CENTRAL FL AND GIVE KIDS THE WORLD**

### **Fireclay Tile**

#### Description of Bench

Fireclay Tile donated a nautical-themed bench, which included tile from their "Tall Ships" series and "Stars" series. The bench was tiled mainly with Fireclay's recycled tile line, the "Debris" series. Tile gathered from stock or the "boneyard" (surplus tile) provided the elements for this sea-faring project.

Name of Designers: Joy Munshower and Kyle Donnici

Name of Manufacturer: Fireclay Tile

Name of Installers: Joy Munshower and Kyle Donnici

### **Gainey Ceramics, Inc.**

#### Description of Bench

"We tiled the bench using our Legacy Collection because of its symbols of wisdom, life everlasting, valor and the splendor of nature. It was a natural choice," remarked Lisa Lovell, marketing manager for Gainey Ceramics. "Children love animals, and this collection allowed us to integrate that into the design. The bold color palette in the collection added to the charm and will naturally draw children to it. When designing it, we used pieces that were smooth and without hard edges, so the children will be comfortable sitting on it. We hope the children will enjoy the bench as much as we enjoyed creating it!"

Name of Designers: Lisa Lovell & Patty Tobin

Name of Manufacturer: Gainey Ceramics, Inc.

Name of Installer: Estevan Flores Gonzales, Jr.

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## **Meredith Collection**

### Description of Bench

You can almost smell the sea air and wind on your face when you gaze at the tropical seascape and sun-washed colors of Meredith Collection's tiled bench. The tranquility of the Caribbean Sea inspired the design for this bench.

Name of Designer: William Shearrow

Name of Manufacturer: Meredith Collection

Name of Installer: William Shearrow

Special Recognition: Dan Seaman for the computer layout design and to Guy Renkert for his time and the materials.

## **Motawi Tileworks**

### Description of Bench

The Motawi Tileworks created a truly unique bench crafted from relief tile based on the work of Frank Lloyd Wright. The specific tile featured was a 6" x 6" Alice Millard House tile, along with 3" x 3" borders and 3" x 3" corners, which is heavily-sculpted and shimmers in a deep Celadon crackle glaze.

"The effect we got when the tiles were used in a field was totally unexpected," said Karim Motawi, co-owner of the Motawi Tileworks. "The first time we laid out the tile for the bench, the organic nature of this 'geometric' design became apparent. It gave us a deeper appreciation for the Millard design and others in the Textile Block series."

Name of Designer: Karim Motawi, Vice President, Motawi Tileworks

Name of Manufacturer: Motawi Tileworks

Name of Installer: Kerry Coker, Motawi Tileworks

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## **Oceanside Glasstile Co.**

### Description of Bench

The Oceanside Glasstile bench captures and reflects the warm Florida sunlight with several elements. The foundation is Casa Field (2" x 4") in Tahoe Blue with alternating non-iridescent and matte finishes. It is layered with the new Casa liner, Onda ("wave" in Spanish), in random offset, highlighting the dimensionality and movement of Shadow, the newest piece in the Oceanside Glasstile line, with an iridescent finish. The top surface was created in a custom blend with Facets (1/2" x 1") field tile using Tahoe, Shadow, and Oxygen colors in three finishes.

Name of Designer: Feras Irikat, Oceanside Glasstile

Name of Manufacturer: Oceanside Glasstile Co.

Name of Installers: Grant Jones of Grant Jones Tile & Stone and Oceanside Glasstile's Technical Support (Scott Fleming, David Fatula, Brian Fitzgerald, Gilbert Andrade)

Special Recognition: Sean Gildea (President) and John Marckx (Vice-President)

## **Trikeenan Tileworks, Inc.**

### Description of Bench

Trikeenan's bench, tiled in spirals, used 1" x 1" Outer Galaxy, Fog, and Crackle White Elemental mosaics, along with Modulus Ebb and Flow tiles in Turtle Green, Black Opal and Midnight Blue. The bench, created from 100% recycled seconds, promotes a greener world and an environment to honor the world's imperfections.

Name of Designers: Kristin Powers and Siena Powers (age 12)

Name of Manufacturer: Trikeenan Tileworks, Inc.

Name of Installer: Kristin and Stephen Powers

Special Recognition: Trikeenan Tileworks' artisan craftsmen

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