

## **Decorative Mural Artist Kim Schaffer Helps Bereaved Family for Habitat for Humanity Project Featured on TV Show Flip That House**

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Lake Elsinore, CA (PRWEB) September 26, 2007 – Riverside County mural artist Kim Schaffer joined artists from around the United States who volunteered time and talent to help a bereaved Lake Elsinore family finish their home to be featured on TLC's *Flip That House*. The Fisher family had just begun a major renovation project on a house near Lake Elsinore when Brian Fisher, a former special education teacher who did most of the renovation work himself, became ill and suddenly died. The family felt overwhelmed by this loss and by the project itself--the house still needed walls torn down, plumbing and electrical work, a whole new kitchen, paint, fixtures, flooring, landscaping, pool repair, and more.



Riverside County [decorative mural artist](#) Kim Schaffer created a "Bamboo Woman Tea Room" off the kitchen with 3-D textured walls and an inspirational quote on plaster surrounded by faux exposed brickwork. She painted a Koi pond on the floor.

Kim had to tear down existing paneling, hang drywall, and learn how to apply window edge and joint compound to prepare the walls. She painted designs in the wet walls to create an unusual faux finish that looks like real bamboo was pressed into the walls. Kim glazed the

walls to make them look like ancient works of art. She painted a decorative mural with a bamboo saying from the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century on a faux brick wall.

An expert on painted Koi pond murals, Kim painted a Koi pond for Jeanette on the floor in honor of Brian, who always built Koi ponds for Jeanette. Kim then capped the room with a bamboo ceiling and braided trim.



After finishing her show house room, Kim helped the other artists on the project. She helped Evan Dahlke paint two paintings to stage the living room and rescued the kitchen.

The house, which a few months ago seemed like an average small home needing lots of TLC, is now a showcase of incredible art and design work. Jeanette Fisher said, "There isn't a room in the house that Kim didn't help work on. She even hand painted a design on the pool deck to mimic the intricate Modello design applied to the pool floor!"

Fisher wrote a book to celebrate life and love: [Flip That House with Faux](#), which features the work of the artists and offers advice on flipping houses with faux work as an edge in today's real estate market. Proceeds from the book will benefit Habitat for Humanity. Brian Fisher was a big fan of Habitat for Humanity and supported their home improvement retail stores where you can donate and buy quality used and new building materials: [Habitat ReStores Directory](#)

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