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Have a heart

Hey, selfish New Yorker! What have you done for you lately? Here are four genius ways to give back during the holidays—complete with notes on what you stand to gain.

By Roisin McGinn



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The Holiday House

What is it?

A designer show house with holiday-themed rooms (a Thanksgiving dining room, a New Year's Eve library, etc.). 2 E 63rd St between Fifth and Madison Aves (212-751-7186, holidayhousesny.com)

What do you want from me?

Show house docents volunteer in three-hour shifts, answering visitor questions and making sure no one steals anything. Shifts are available Tuesday through Sunday through December 7.

Who does it help?

The Greater New York City Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure (komennyc.org)

What's in it for me?

Volunteers get free admission (tix cost \$30), plus a chance to chin-wag with some of the house's featured designers. And did we mention this was Carrie's Fifth Avenue penthouse in the Sex and the City movie?

I'm sold. Let's do this shit.

E-mail Cynthia Ramirez at cramirez@komennyc.org to arrange a shift.

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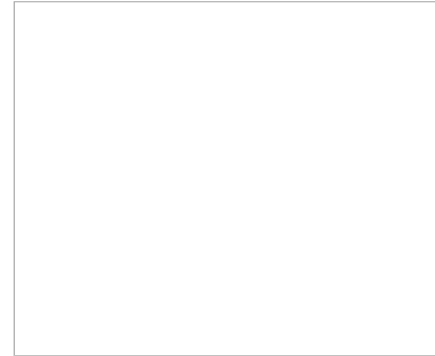
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Brooklyn Bridge Park

There'll be more than picnic baskets at this 85-acre Dumbo dream park, whose construction finally gets under way this week.

Park life



Tompkins Square Park

Though many of its mourners never experienced the police skirmishes, homeless colonies and hypodermic needles of Tompkins Square Park, they lament 'em nonetheless.

Bronx River Forest

The Bronx River Forest used to be a hotbed for prostitutes, junkies and glory-hole seekers—but no more, friends.



Cortona Park

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