BOULDER COUNTY – Home tours have long been a popular way to see the latest trends in home design, construction and interiors – and the picture-perfect kitchens on each tour are always top crowd pleasers.

“Dream kitchen” aficionados won’t want to miss next weekend’s *Dream Kitchens Are Cooking* tour, with eight of Boulder County’s finest kitchens on display. All proceeds from the tour, now in its fifth year, benefit the “I Have a Dream” Foundation of Boulder County, whose mission is to motivate and empower children from low-income communities to reach their education and career goals by providing a long-term program of mentoring, tutoring, and cultural enrichment.

Each kitchen on the tour has been professionally remodeled and showcases the work of local kitchen designers and contractors. Tour goers will also be able to sample tasty appetizers and desserts and meet local chefs and culinary experts.

There’s something for everyone on this tour. “We typically have a wide variety of homes on the tour, so people can see remodeled kitchens that might work for their budgets, or homes that they can just enjoy seeing over the weekend,” explains Lori Canova, CEO of “I Have a Dream” Foundation of Boulder County. “We know that not everyone who goes through the tour is looking to remodel their kitchens. Many tour attendees just like to see different homes in the community, enjoy the samples at the homes, and they want to support the low-income children in our community through the ‘I Have a Dream’ Foundation.”

The kitchens selected for this year’s tour are exceptional examples of the latest in design trends, which can include new wood veneers, slick appliances and innovative LED lighting. “We try to offer a variety of sizes and styles, from traditional to contemporary,” says Diane White, owner of Studio3 Kitchen and Bath Interiors and the tour’s organizer.

The partnership between Studio3 and the “I Have a Dream” Foundation began five years ago when Diane White was looking for a worthy beneficiary for the new kitchen tour that she was planning. “I wanted to support a group that was interested in education for kids. Education is empowering and helps make us a better society,” White says. Since then, the *Dream Kitchens Are Cooking* tour has helped support the many mentoring and outreach programs that “I Have a Dream” provides to low-income youth in Boulder County.

**Let’s go!**

Tour hours are Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 27 from 12 to 4 p.m. Tickets for the tour are $20 each and can be purchased at any Boulder-area King Soopers or online at TicketsWest.com. For full event information and a tour map, visit IHaveADreamBoulder.org or call 303.444.3636.

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