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**C**hristmas means family for many people. For Debbie and Todd House, Christmas will always be the season their family became complete.

“We traveled to Japan in February 2003 to adopt our daughter, Kanna, who’s now 17. Then we returned in December to adopt our son, William, who’s now 16,” Debbie says.

The trip to Japan formed their family and set them on another journey—to a forever home.

A self-proclaimed Army brat who’s lived all over the world, Debbie wanted to give her children the sense of permanence she never knew growing up. “That was our intention when we built this house,” she says. “The children were just 3 and 4 years old at the time, and they’ve never known any other home.”

The stately French-style stucco structure in Atlanta’s Buckhead area truly is a forever home. “Todd and I met in Richmond, then lived in South Africa and D.C. I’ve lived in this house longer than I’ve ever lived in any other home,” Debbie says.

Set on a lot across the street from Chastain Park, the house owes much of its architectural sensibility to the surrounding foliage. Architect Peter Block framed the verdant outdoors through expansive windows and French doors in every room.

“Trees were very important to him,” Debbie says. “There is a window in my dressing room and closet, and the window in our bedroom is so big that I can stand in my closet and see the top of the tree in the backyard.”

“Peter is a master at capturing natural light,” interior designer Susan Jamieson of Bridget Beari Designs says. A tall window at the staircase landing pushes sunlight down the stair wall “and light plays off the wonderful old-world-style white Venetian plaster throughout the house,” she says.

The white stucco finish also sprang from the focal-point trees. “As we were debating which direction to go with color, our builder suggested that just keeping it white would look so amazing with the surrounding greenery,” Debbie says. “That’s what makes this house so marvelous to decorate for the holidays. I love decorating with natural greens.”

**Gathering area** Graced by light from French doors opening to the loggia, this space known as the long room, outfitted with a sectional and armchairs, is the family’s go-to spot to watch TV, snuggle up to a fire, and enjoy views of the sunken garden. **Exterior** Holiday decorating consists of natural greens against white backgrounds, starting at the entry of the white stucco, French-style house. **Preceding pages** A 20-foot tree is decorated with treasured ornaments that convey the family’s heritage and memories.