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**15TH ANNUAL MERCHANDISE MART INTERNATIONAL
ANTIQUES FAIR WILL HOST PRIVATE PREVIEW EVENT TO
BENEFIT REHABILITATION INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO**

CHICAGO (February 1, 2012) – The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair will host a Private Preview event Thursday, April 26, from 5-8 p.m. to benefit the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC). Guests will be among the first to experience the Fair's offerings from more than 120 top national and international dealers, while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and live music.

"The Women's Board of RIC is proud of its 15-year relationship with The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair," said Mary Arnberg, co-chair of Fair's Private Preview. "We are grateful that The Antiques Fair supports RIC's medical leadership across the world and its vision to advance human ability through science and research," added Lori Nerenberg, another co-chair of the event.

The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC) is the nation's #1 ranked provider of comprehensive physical medicine and rehabilitation care to patients from around the world and is the leader in research and development of the most cutting-edge treatments and technology in its field. Founded in 1954, RIC been designated the "#1 Rehabilitation Hospital in America" by *U.S. News & World Report* every year since 1991. RIC operates its 165-bed flagship hospital in downtown Chicago, as well as a network of more than 40 sites of care located throughout Illinois and Indiana that provide additional inpatient care, day rehabilitation, and outpatient services. Through aggressive medical protocols, RIC guides the patient care process toward a better patient outcome – involving repair, regeneration, and recovery of brain, spinal cord and musculoskeletal function.

"We are excited to partner with the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago once again and support this great organization," said Lisa Simonian, vice president of consumer shows,

MMPI. "Guests at the Private Preview will be the first to explore the Fair, meet the dealers and enjoy live music and refreshments all in the name of charity."

Tickets for the Private Preview start at \$150 and proceeds benefit the RIC. For tickets to the Private Preview and for more details, visit www.merchandisemartantiques.com.

Fair Hours

April 27-30, 2012

*Thursday, April 26 • Private Preview benefitting the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, 5-8 p.m.; Opening Night Access, 8-10 p.m.

Friday, April 27 • 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Saturday, April 28 • 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Sunday, April 29 • 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

Monday, April 30 • 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Opening Night Access

8-10 p.m.

Enjoy The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair on opening night. Tickets are \$25.

WHERE: The Merchandise Mart
8th Floor
222 Merchandise Mart Plaza
Chicago, IL 60654
(800) 677-MART (6278)

FAIR

TICKETS: Tickets are \$15. For tickets and more details, visit www.merchandisemartantiques.com

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