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BEST IN SHOW AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE CHICAGO MARKET: LIVING AND GIVING® Exhibitors Take Home Top Honors for Best In Show

Chicago (August 17, 2009) – Leading exhibitors and showrooms were honored with Best In Show Awards at the Chicago Market: Living and Giving® located at the Chicago Merchandise Mart, July 15-22. Winners were selected by an internal committee and were judged on innovation, design and creativity. The award winners below exemplify the best and the brightest at this year's market. The awards themselves were conceived to spotlight outstanding exhibitors and showrooms.

Chicago Market: Living and Giving® Best In Show Award Winners

Exhibitor Award Winners

Gourmet

La Crema Coffee Company, booth 8-9038a
Fun, flavorful coffee and edible stirrers. This product is delicious, with colorful packaging, and great for gifts. www.lacremacoffee.com.

Beckman

fairytale inc., booth 8-6112
Lesla Werme, from Saugatuck, Michigan, is a new artist with a flair for fairytale wishes. Lesla works with whimsical fabrics and colors to produce treasure boxes, pillows, sock monsters, stools and more. Her artistic flair was visible in her products and booth display catching the eyes of buyers, fellow exhibitors and show producers. www.fairytaleincorporated.com.

Gift

goody goody., booth 8-5035
goody goody offers colorful collection of luxury slippers and apparel, whimsical travel accessories, and sophisticated handbags. www.goodygoodyshoes.com

What A Girl Wants

Spartina, booth 8-2008
This line of high quality, colorful handbags and accessories are inspired by the Daufuski Island in South Carolina. The unique items are created using 100% linen fabric and genuine leather trim. www.spartina449.com.

Home - *Tie

Euroline 8-6120
Euroline offers beautiful European home décor from wine accessories, to candles and ceramics. www.eurolineld.com

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Eangee 8-4129
With products ranging from lifestyle living accessories to lighting and ceramics, Eangee Home Design is dedicated to sustainable and fair-trade practices. www.defineyourspace.com.

Showroom Award Winners

A & B Home, suite 14-100

A&B Hongda group has been recognized as one of the premier suppliers in both the artificial floral and home décor industries. Their quality products and great service makes purchasing easy nationwide. www.abhongda.com.

Imax, suite 13-401

From lamps, wall art, accent furniture and ceramics, to decorative plates and garden accessories IMAX carries one of the largest collections of high quality accents for home and garden. www.imaxcorp.com.

K & K Interiors, Inc., suite 13-207

As a leading wholesale supplier of Everyday and Seasonal home décor, K & K offers amazing selection of glassware, floral, ceramics, candles, garden, colonial/Americana, tin, pewter, Easter, Halloween, Autumn and Christmas. www.kkinteriors.com.

Saro Trading Company, suite 14-105

The Saro line originated with traditional home textiles in delicate laces of the European tradition. However their line has expanded to a multitude of contemporary textiles ranging from table throws to bedcovers. www.saro.com.

SAVE THE DATE:

Chicago Living and Giving

Showrooms

Thursday, January 21 – Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Temporaries and Beckman's Handcrafted Show®

Saturday, January 23 – Tuesday, January 26, 2010

For more award winner images please visit www.shopchicagomarket.com.

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