

## THE CHICAGO MARKET: LIVING AND GIVING™ ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE RETAILERS' CHOICE OF MOST INSPIRING SHOWROOM AND EXHIBITOR

CHICAGO, IL (January 23, 2007) – The Chicago Market: Living and Giving™ is proud to announce the winners of the 2007 Retailers' Choice for Most Inspiring Showroom and Exhibitor. The showroom winners include: Aldik, Burton + BURTON, K & K Interiors, Inc., Midwest-Colonial Candle and RAZ Imports. The exhibitor winners include: Bunnies by the Bay, Chestnut Neck Primitives, Funktion, Mary Lake-Thompson and Principessa Beauty, Inc.

All showrooms and exhibitors were included in this unique contest to create visually impressive displays. The winners were chosen by buyers who voted for their favorite showroom or exhibitor display. Winners were announced at Big Night, an evening of Sounds of Sinatra by Chicago's entertainer Ron Hawking at the House of Blues® Chicago. All winners received signage throughout Market today and an award for display in their showroom.

"The Retailers' Choice Award is a special opportunity for our buyers to honor their favorite showroom or exhibitor," said Joan Ulrich, senior vice president, Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. "This contest is another example of how The Chicago Market: Living and Giving is inspiring memorable experiences for its buyers."

The Retailers' Choice Award is part of The Chicago Market: Living and Giving™, the weeklong gift market running January 19-25. Buyers experience six floors of the most popular and prominent gift and home accessory lines available with floors 12-15 open during the entire Market, and the Market Suites temporary exhibits on floors 7 and 8 open through Wednesday.

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