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THE CHICAGO MARKET: LIVING AND GIVING® OFFERS BUYER SUPPORT WITH AMTRAK REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

CHICAGO (December 7, 2009) –The Chicago Market: Living and Giving® is excited to announce its newest buyer amenity, just in time for the Chicago Market. Now, any qualified buyer can participate in the Amtrak Reimbursement Program, which reimburses qualified buyers up to half of their Amtrak ticket (up to \$50) during the January Market.

As the independent and specialty gift home store's preferred buying venue, the Chicago Market is excited to offer this new program to its buyers. The Chicago Market will pay up to up to \$50** toward any qualified buyer's Amtrak ticket, making the January Market even easier to shop. It's one more way that the Chicago Market is making it even easier for buyers to take advantage of the comprehensive resources, abundant product lines, varied price points and trend-setting products.

Amtrak Reimbursement Program details:

1. Attend and register on-site at The Chicago Market: Living and Giving
2. Bring your ID/license
3. Bring a copy of your Amtrak train ticket
4. Register with the proper credentials and receive your buyer badge
5. Bring your ID, copy of Amtrak train ticket and your buyer badge to Suite 137 between the hours of 9a.m. – 1p.m., Thursday, January 21 – Wednesday, January 27. 2010.

*You must be a qualified buyer and have all the proper credentials to receive a buyer badge. To see a full listing of required credentials, please visit <http://www.shopchicagomarket.com/attendmarket/buyerregistration/>. This promotion does not apply to guest passes.

**The Chicago Market will pay up to half of all qualified buyers Amtrak tickets, up to \$50.

CHICAGO MARKET: LIVING AND GIVING SHOW HOURS

Thursday, January 21 – Tuesday, January 26

9 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Floors 13, 14, 15

Saturday, January 23

Showrooms: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. | Floors 13, 14, 15

Temporaries and Beckman's Handcrafted Show®: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Floor 8

***Shop Late Night Blowout**

6–8 p.m. | Floors 13, 14, 15

Join us for The Chicago Market's "Late Night" for an evening of showroom hospitality, music and late night shopping, all in the name of charity. The Chicago Market will host two incredible hours with Chicago's top chefs, serving up their signature dishes. Proceeds will benefit Gift For Life, a charitable organization that funds life-saving AIDS research and education.

Wednesday, January 27

Showrooms: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Floors 13, 14, 15

For more information on The Chicago Market: Living and Giving, please visit www.shopchicagomarket.com or call 800.677.6278 (MART).

The Chicago Market: Living and Giving is a trademark of MMPI. **Beckman's Handcrafted Gift Show** is a registered trademark of MMPI. The Chicago Market: Living and Giving is the longest running gift show in the United States and is a quarterly wholesale tradeshow designed for store owners, retail buyers and designers to shop a wide array of quality products ranging from home accents and furniture to handcrafted or eco-friendly product to collectible items, holiday, baby/children's product, gourmet and more. The Chicago Merchandise Mart is located at 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, IL 60654. For more information call 800.677.6278 (MART) or visit shopchicagomarket.com.

MMPI is a trade show and property management firm, specializing in managing buildings devoted to wholesale showrooms and commercial office space. MMPI produces more than 300 trade shows, market events and conferences each year.

MMPI manages The Merchandise Mart and 350 West Mart Center in Chicago; Market Square, the Suites at Market Square, Hamilton Market, Plaza Suites, Furniture Plaza and the National Furniture Mart in High Point, N.C.; the Architects & Designers Building and 7 W New York in New York; the Boston Design Center in Boston; the L.A. Mart in Los Angeles; and the Washington Design Center in Washington D.C.

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