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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 (February 16, 2010) – Leading exhibitors and showrooms were honored with Best Display Awards at the Chicago Market: Living and Giving® located at the Chicago Merchandise Mart, January 21-27. Winners were selected by an internal panel of judges made up of designers, showrooms, exhibitors, members of the media and other merchandising professionals. Winners 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

BEST EXHIBIT DISPLAY AWARD WINNERS

Aesthetic Movement, www.aestheticmovement.com

Aesthetic Movement is a think tank for smart, creative collaborations and a harbinger of style. They believe that considered design and frequent brushes with beauty can enhance the overall quality of life, and they aim to contribute to that end with every project and partnership they undertake.

Saucy Girl Aprons, www.saucygirlaprons.com

Saucy Girl Aprons offer aprons with a vintage flair, handmade and unique designs.

Billabee's, www.billabeescookies.com

Billabee's offers a cookie mix made from a special family cookie recipe. A portion of every purchase goes to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

S.D.G Artistry, www.sdgartistry.com

S.D.G. Artistry offers prints of original artwork and letters mounted on birch then hand finished and sealed with a deep umber stain and satin.

Rinse Bath & Body, www.rinsesoap.com

Rinse Bath & Body offers a wide range of natural bath and body products.

Peacock Park Designs, www.peacockparkdesign.com

Peacock Park Designs is a wholesale supplier of "euro-chic" home and garden decor.

BEST SHOWROOM DISPLAY AWARD WINNERS

DEMDACO, suite 13-117, www.demdaco.com

DEMDACO specializes in gifts and decor that lift the spirit and enhance the home

Sullivans, suite 1418, www.sullivangift.com

Sullivans is a supplier of artificial flowers, foliage and Christmas trees, gifts, ribbon and tabletop items.

Willow Group Ltd., suite 13-634, www.willowspecialties.com

Willow Group Ltd. is the parent company of Willow Specialties, Avery Imports, and Skalny Basket Company.

Michele S. Levitt & Associates, suite 1467, www.michelelevitt.com

Michele S. Levitt and Associates specialize in gifts, home accents, and personal care.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Chicago Market Spring Market

Sunday, March 21 – Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Running in conjunction with STYLEMAX: Saturday, March 20 – Tuesday, March 23, 2010

***Join us for the Chicago Market's "Retail Boot Camp" seminar series. Visit**

www.shopchicagomarket.com for more information and seminar details.

Chicago Market: Living and Giving®

Showrooms

Thursday, July 22– Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Temporaries and Beckman's Handcrafted Show®

Saturday, July 24 – Tuesday, July 27, 2010

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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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