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**EXCITING LEASING ACTIVITY AT THE CHICAGO MERCHANDISE MART
JUST IN TIME FOR THE CHICAGO MARKET: LIVING AND GIVING®
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CHICAGO (December 15, 2009) – The Chicago Market: Living and Giving® is proud to announce exciting new leasing activity, just in time for the January Market. Five premier gift showrooms, including Caspari and DEMDACO, have renewed their continued commitment to the Chicago Merchandise Mart with long-term lease extensions.

“The Chicago Merchandise Mart’s recent leasing activities are one more reason why Chicago is the Midwest anchor for the gift and home industries,” said Joan Ulrich, senior vice president, MMPI. “The Merchandise Mart is thrilled by the continued commitment that these showrooms have for the Merchandise Mart and the Chicago Market.”

Extended Showroom Leases

Caspari Inc., Ste 13-428. Caspari Inc. is a respected publisher of exquisitely designed and printed paper products, with a reputation earned over the past 60 years for reproducing the work of established artists and museums from around the world.

DEMDACO, Ste 13-117. DEMDACO offers beautiful gifts and decor that lift the spirit and enhance the home.

Designs Combined, Ste 13-213. Designs Combined Inc is a wholesaler specializing in Country Gift, Floral, and Home Decor.

K & K Interiors, Ste 13-207. K & K Interiors is a leading wholesale supplier of Everyday and Seasonal home décor, and offers retailers an amazing selection of glassware, floral, ceramics, candles, garden, colonial/Americana, tin, pewter, Easter, Halloween, Autumn and Christmas.

“Because of our strong market share and core customer base in the Midwest region, renewing our lease in the Chicago Mart was an easy business decision for us,” says Kyle Camp, president of K&K Interiors, Inc. “We value our partnership with the Chicago Mart. The management and staff have been supportive partners in growing our business and we look forward to continuing our success and profitability with them.”

Samuelson Associates, Ste 13-429. Samuelson Associates is a rep organization representing high-end gift, tabletop and home décor.

Newly Relocated Showroom

A' Homestead Shoppe Inc., Ste 13-227. A' Homestead Shoppe Inc. offers the best in lighting and lampshade products.

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 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 GiftForLife.

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 and Gifts & Decorative Accessories Magazine are offering three FREE issues as a thank you to buyers who pre-register for the January 2010 Market in appreciation of their support. Visit www.chicagomarket.com for more information.**

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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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