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***Art Van Furniture Celebrates 50 Years with Gift
of 50 Bedrooms to Suite Dreams Project***

Birmingham, Mich., May 8, 2009 – This year marks 50 years of business for Art Van Furniture, and throughout the years, the company has remained committed to supporting communities across the state of Michigan. Most recently, Art Van has promised to provide nine complete room makeovers, and furnishings and accessories for 41 additional bedrooms, for the Suite Dreams Project. The announcement was made Friday, May 8, at the Suite Dreams 9th annual Hats Off Luncheon at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

The mission of Suite Dreams is to create healing environments in the homes of children with serious medical conditions. The Suite Dreams Projects utilizes the assistance of designers, artisans, and volunteers to create these unique environments, complete with healing elements specific to the needs of each sick child.

Over the course of one year, Art Van will completely furnish nine rooms, including furniture, carpentry, accessories, paint, and any other costs associated with the project. For the remaining 41, the furniture retailer will provide all furnishings and accessories.

“The generosity that Art Van Furniture has shown with the gift of nine bedrooms, and now an additional 41, is overwhelming,” said Suite Dreams Project Co-Founders Kris Appleby and Kay Ponicall. “This is more rooms than we’ve ever done in one year, and it really speaks volumes about Art Van’s commitment to helping families in need right here in Michigan.”

“The Suite Dreams Project is an incredible organization that provides special children a sanctuary in their own homes,” said Art Van Furniture Founder Art Van Elslander. “Now, more than ever, it’s important to reach out and help where there is a need, and we are thrilled to celebrate our 50th anniversary by gifting 50 bedrooms to support this worthy cause.”

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About Art Van Furniture

Art Van Furniture is Michigan's largest furniture retailer and America's largest

independent furniture retailer, operating 30 stores in 29 communities throughout Michigan.

About Suite Dreams Project

The Suite Dreams Project is a Rochester, Mich.-based organization that aims to bring comfort and joy to children affected by serious medical conditions by creating healing environments in their homes, in hospitals, and in our communities that improve their quality of life and speed recovery. For more information, please visit <http://suitedreamsproject.org> or call (248) 601-0799.

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