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**FURNITURE, ARTS & DÉCOR EXPO  
TO BENEFIT THE FURNITURE BANK OF HOUSTON**

--Celebrities, artists and non profits refurbish 150 chairs for CHAIRity auction—

**HOUSTON** (August 11, 2010) ... The George R. Brown Convention Center (GRB) may never look this good again. On Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29, the GRB will be transformed by The Furniture, Arts & Décor Expo featuring more than 75 exhibitors of arts, furniture, décor, home products and services, decorating seminars, and entertainment for the entire family. In addition, Houston artists and personalities show **heART** by pulling up a chair, literally, to raise money for their favorite local cause.

Exhibitor categories include art and artists, paintings and sculptures, jewelry and accessories, home interior and décor, home related products and services, home remodeling and renovation, and furniture and accessories. Plus, special entertainment and demonstrations at The Furniture, Art & Décor Theater and Chef's Demo Stage, the H-town Throw Down Latte Art Competition, and the highlight of the expo: **Show Your heART Chair Auctions.**

Some of Houston's best know celebrities, artists and non profits are taking part in this unique opportunity to take older chairs in need of repair, and creatively transform them into works of **heART**. Each chair expresses the organization or individual's personality and will be sold during the live and silent auctions to benefit The Furniture Bank.

To date, more than 150 chairs have been commissioned by "**heARTISTS**" including internationally-acclaimed artist Bert Long, Jr., Taft McWhorter and Texas Artist Sam Caldwell. Also joining the CHAIRity fun are KILT 100.3 Radio Personality Steve Rixx, MIX 96.5 Radio Personality Maria Todd, "Great Day Houston" KHOU Channel 11 Host Deborah Duncan, KTRK Channel 13 News Anchor Melanie Lawson, Rod Ryan, host of "The Rod Ryan Show" on 94.5 The Buzz, Yolanda Green, host of "Going Green with Yolanda Green" on KIAH-TV Houston 39, 100.3 KILT Radio Personality Rowdy Yates, "Wild About Houston" Host Lara Bell, KTBU 55, and co-designs Roseann Rogers, KTBU 55, and Finger Furniture's Rodney Finger. Additional designs provided by the Houston

Dynamo, Houston Zoo, Cystic Fybrois, Houston Food Bank, and children of MD Anderson Cancer Center.

The art and décor extravaganza takes place Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29 in Exhibit Hall A at the George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de las Americas, 77010. Expo hours are Saturday, August 28 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with the **heART** Chair live auction at 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, August 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The **heART** Chair silent auction takes place both days with the closing of bids at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 29.

Admission to the Expo is \$9.75 for one day, \$15 for a two-day ticket, with children ages 12 and under free. Tickets may be purchased online with a credit card at [www.TheFurnitureArtandDecorExpo.com](http://www.TheFurnitureArtandDecorExpo.com) or day-of at the door, cash only. Patrons can save \$1 per ticket for advance ticket purchases online or print a discount coupon from the website and present it at the door for day-of admission purchases.

Sponsors of The Furniture, Arts & Décor Expo include Finger Furniture, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Blinds.com, 30 Degrees North, Houston Dynamo, Houston Zoo, Houston Food Bank, Cystic Fibrosis, plus The City of Houston, Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau and The George R. Brown Convention Center. Media partners include *Houston Woman Magazine*, *Houston Family Magazine*, *The Greensheet*, 93Q, The Eagle 107.5, 103.7 FM, 94.5 The Buzz, MIX 96.5, 100.3 KILT, and HoustonPBS Channel 8.

The Furniture, Arts & Décor Expo is produced by Dryden Event Productions. For more information call 713-805-5810, visit [www.TheFurnitureArtandDecorExpo.com](http://www.TheFurnitureArtandDecorExpo.com) or follow us on Twitter at [http://www.Twitter.com/Decor\\_Arts\\_Expo](http://www.Twitter.com/Decor_Arts_Expo) or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=1113208155580>.

Proceeds of The Furniture, Arts & Décor Expo benefit The Furniture Bank, a non-profit entity making empty houses homes by providing furniture and household items to more than 1,500 families each year through partnerships with over 70 social service agencies in Houston and surrounding counties.

### **ABOUT FURNITURE BANK**

Often referred to as "the charity of charities," The Furniture Bank serves individuals and families from over 70 different social service agencies in Houston and surrounding counties. The mission of The Furniture Bank is to furnish hope and make empty houses homes by providing furniture and household items for Houston's needy families. Established in 1992 as a service of MHMRA of Harris County, The Furniture Bank was chartered as an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit in September 2003 and has helped an estimated 60,000 individuals. Each year The Furniture Bank serves more than 1,500 families with furniture, distributing over 8000 pieces of furniture to 4000 individuals last year alone. All inventory at the Furniture Bank comes from donations made by individuals, agencies and companies. For more information or to make a donation to The Furniture Bank, please visit [www.fb-houston.org](http://www.fb-houston.org) or call 713-842-9771.