

## **Park West Gallery Donates Over 3,500 Items of New Clothing to Local Nonprofit Organizations**

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August 9, 2010 (FPRC) -- Park West Gallery is kicking off its Park West CARES initiative this summer by donating more than 3,500 items of new clothing and merchandise to six metro Detroit nonprofit organizations. The benefiting organizations include Grace Centers of Hope, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Covenant House, Detroit Rescue Mission, HAVEN of Oakland County and Vista Maria.

Grace Centers of Hope, one of southeast Michigan's oldest and largest homeless shelters, will receive more than 600 items of merchandise at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 13 at Park West Gallery located at 29469 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. The donation will be used to support the men, women and children participating in the organization's homeless and rehabilitation programs.

'We are very grateful for the wonderful generosity of Park West Gallery,' said Pastor Kent Clark, CEO of Grace Centers of Hope. 'This donation is not the first time they have supported our organization. For several years, Park West Gallery has been a valued partner in our efforts to address homelessness in Michigan.'

In December of 2008, Albert and Mitsie Scaglione donated more than \$25,000 to the Grace Centers of Hope Men's Dorm Renovation Project, which created a dignified and uplifting space for the men enrolled in the nonprofit's One-Year Life Skills Program.

'We recognize the important role that Grace Centers of Hope plays in our local community,' said Albert Scaglione, CEO of Park West Gallery. 'We hope this clothing will make a difference in the lives of those who rely on them for assistance in becoming self-sufficient.'

On August 13, Park West Gallery also will donate 11 pieces of art for the homes located in Little Grace Village, Grace Centers of Hope's safe and affordable housing revitalization effort on Seneca St. in Pontiac. In addition, Pastor Clark will present Albert and Mitsie with a commemorative plaque for their charitable support of Grace Centers of Hope.

Park West Gallery made its first donation of clothing and merchandise on July 23 to HAVEN of Oakland County. Donations to the remaining nonprofit organizations are scheduled to take place until the end of August. For more information about Park West CARES, contact Raquel Fournier at [RFournier@parkwestgallery.com](mailto:RFournier@parkwestgallery.com) or visit [www.parkwestgallery.org](http://www.parkwestgallery.org). For more information about Grace Centers of Hope, call 248-334-2187 or visit [www.gracecentersofhope.org](http://www.gracecentersofhope.org).

### About Park West CARES

Throughout the summer of 2010, Park West Gallery will be donating items of clothing and merchandise to community organizations in southeast Michigan and southeast Florida, where Park West Gallery has locations. All items are unused and represent an extensive assortment of men's and women's summer clothing that ranges from shirts and shorts to light jackets and sweaters.

### About Park West Gallery

Founded in 1969, Park West Gallery offers works of art through its galleries in Michigan and Florida,

at art auction events across the country, and on cruise ships internationally. In 2006 Park West Gallery CEO Albert Scaglione and his wife Mitsie formed the Park West Foundation® to provide assistance to children in need of family support. Park West is committed to helping people in need and benefiting organizations that are making a difference locally, regionally and throughout the world.

#### About Grace Centers of Hope

Giving hope to the helpless since 1942, Grace Centers of Hope is one of southeast Michigan's oldest and largest service providers for the homeless. Today, Grace Centers of Hope is considered one of the leading faith-based organizations in Southeastern Michigan, confronting issues of homelessness, addiction, poverty, abuse and spiritual emptiness on a daily basis. On any given night, Grace Centers of Hope provides transitional and emergency shelter to 150-200 men, women and children, in addition to serving more than 127,000 meals each year. Grace's \$4.4 million yearly budget is maintained solely through corporate and private donors, exclusive of any government assistance.

For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.gracecentersofhope.org](http://www.gracecentersofhope.org).

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