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**KATHY IRELAND TO HOST 23<sup>rd</sup> INDUCTION BANQUET  
FOR THE AMERICAN FURNITURE HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION**

**HIGH POINT, N.C., Aug. 8, 2011** — Kathy Ireland, wife, mother, mentor and the CEO and chief designer of kathy ireland Worldwide (kiWW), a global design and marketing firm, will host the 23<sup>rd</sup> American Furniture Hall of Fame Induction Banquet on Oct. 23, 2011, at the High Point Market.

“Kathy is a leading home furnishings designer with over 25 different home furnishings product categories to her credit. She is very passionate about design and home furnishings,” says Kurt Darrow, Foundation president. “Her knowledge and genuine love of the home furnishings industry and the hundreds of thousands of people who have made the furniture industry great will make the evening memorable as we honor our new Industry Fellows and celebrate the accomplishments of these visionary leaders of our industry.”

“It is a true privilege to be a part of this wonderful event,” says Ireland. “Many of the industry leaders to be honored at the American Furniture Hall of Fame banquet share my company’s philosophy of ‘...*finding solutions for families, especially busy moms*’ and of ‘...*finding solutions for people in business*.’ I am proud to share in honoring those who have made the home furnishings industry what it is today.”

kathy ireland Worldwide designs and markets more than 45,000 SKU’s which are sold in more than 50 countries. With \$1.5 billion in annual revenues at retail, kiWW was recently named as the “Top Woman Owned Business in America” by DiversityBusiness.com. Kathy is the recipient of the American Heritage Award, presented to her by the Anti Defamation League’s National Home Furnishings Industry Division. kiWW products include home furnishings such as case goods, leather and upholstery. The company also designs and markets licensed products including flooring, rugs, lighting, decorative accessories, window coverings, top of bed, fine jewelry, and apparel.

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## 2011 INDUSTRY FELLOWS

Industry Fellows who will be recognized for their exceptional leadership, accomplishments and contributions to the furniture industry are Donald A. Belgrad, George Alexander Bernhardt, Donald H. Flanders, Sr., John C. Portman, Jr., Gordon Segal and Roy B. Unger. Inductees into the Hall of Fame also will be announced at the banquet.

The new slate of Industry Fellows was selected based on their contributions to the growth and development of the furniture industry in America including these standards: enduring excellence, superior accomplishments, innovation and creativity, and philanthropic generosity. The voting period began July 8 and ended on August 5.

The deadline for reservations is Oct. 3. Tickets are \$125 each and can now be purchased online at [http://furniturehalloffame.com/banquet\\_tickets.aspx](http://furniturehalloffame.com/banquet_tickets.aspx). Reservations may also be made by sending an email to [banquet@furniturehalloffame.com](mailto:banquet@furniturehalloffame.com) or by contacting the Foundation office at 336.882.5900. Checks should be mailed to the *American Furniture Hall of Fame Foundation*, 202 Neal Place, High Point, NC 27262.

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The American Furniture Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. is an international, industry-wide organization founded to honor those individuals whose outstanding achievements have contributed to the continued growth and development of the U.S. furniture industry, as well as to research, collect and preserve our cultural, economic and artistic history. Membership includes eligibility to vote for inductees into the American Furniture Hall of Fame, and the opportunity to help preserve the history and heritage of the industry. The organization is based in High Point, North Carolina at 202 Neal Place, and can be reached at 336.882.5900.

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