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## **TCNA MEMBERS DONATE TILED BENCHES TO GIVE KIDS THE WORLD AND BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**

*Orlando, FL (5/1/08)* - The Tile Council of North America, Inc. (TCNA) and six TCNA members donated tiled benches to Give Kids The World and Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida at Coverings 2008 in Orlando.

“We are absolutely thrilled by the generosity of the TCNA members which donated three benches to our local organization,” commented Amie Thompson, Vice-President of Development & Marketing with Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida. “These benches are beautifully crafted and will enhance the environment of our Club while providing a functional resting spot for the children in our programs.”

Six TCNA members - Fireclay Tile (San Jose, CA), Gainey Ceramics, Inc. (La Verne, CA), Meredith Collection (Canton, OH), Motawi Tileworks (Ann Arbor, MI), Oceanside Glasstile Co. (Carlsbad, CA), and Trikeenan Tileworks, Inc. (Keene, NH), designed and installed colorful tiles on bench forms donated by Wedi Corp. and TCNA.

"We are honored to receive these beautiful benches for our special Village," shared Pamela Landwirth, Give Kids The World's President. "We look forward to lining our Avenue of Angels with these works of art that truly are a labor of love from the Tile Council. Our guests will enjoy them for many years to come."

“This is the fourth year North American manufacturers have participated in this project. Our members have generously donated materials and labor to make these works of art for the children and their families to enjoy,” remarked Eric Astrachan, TCNA's Executive Director.

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### ***ABOUT GIVE KIDS THE WORLD***

Give Kids The World Village is a 70-acre, non-profit resort that creates magical memories for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. GKTW provides accommodations at its whimsical resort, donated attractions tickets, meals and more for a week-long, cost-free fantasy vacation. With the help of many generous individuals, corporations, and partnering wish-granting organizations, Give Kids The World has welcomed 75,000 families from all 50 states and 53 countries.

### ***ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA***

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida serves over 12,000 disadvantaged youth per year at 31 Club sites in Brevard, Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. By providing a safe place to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals, life enhancing programs, character development experiences, hope, and opportunity to youth, Boys and Girls Clubs make a positive difference in the community by lowering crime, drug use, teen pregnancy and gang involvement. Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida emphasizes the development of board, staff, and volunteer resources to support continually improving programs while reaching more at-risk youth.

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