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**THE MGHERRING GROUP ANNOUNCES RETAIL AND RESTAURANT
LINE-UP FOR THE VILLAGE AT ALLEN**

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DALLAS – The MGHerring Group, a Dallas-based shopping center developer, has announced a line-up of retail stores and restaurants for the first two phases of The Village at Allen. The Village at Allen is one component of The Village, a 3-million-square-foot, regional, mixed-use lifestyle development located north of Dallas in Allen and Fairview, Texas.

The Village at Allen will feature a 1 million-square-foot retail component, which will open in phases beginning Oct. 15, 2008. The first phase will encompass more than 300,000 square feet of retail and include anchors Best Buy, Dick's Sporting Goods, TJ Maxx, HomeGoods, Toys "R" Us and Babies "R" Us. Other tenants opening with the first phase include: *Chase Bank, Cheddars, Cold Stone Creamery, Mattress Giant, Men's Wearhouse, Nate's Seafood, Olive Garden, Sleep Experts, Starbucks, Uncle Julio's, Vitamin Shoppe and Which Wich.*

The second phase of The Village at Allen, opening March 8, 2009, will add an additional 400,000 square feet of retail and include anchor Super Target. Other retail stores and restaurants opening with the second phase include: *Petsmart, Hemispheres, Anderson's Furniture, Chair King, Famous Footwear, GameStop and Ritz Camera.* The center's hotel anchor, a 220-room, full-service Courtyard[®] by Marriott[®] Hotel with an adjoining 35,000-square-foot conference center, also will open during the second phase.

“The Village project is one of the largest regional, mixed-use developments in the U.S.,” said Gar Herring, president of The MGHerring Group. “The commitments of these anchors, shops and restaurants confirm that retailers recognize the cities of Allen and Fairview in the Dallas-Fort Worth market as a thriving area for new retail development. The Village at Allen, combined with The Village at Fairview, will be a true entertainment destination with upscale shopping and dining, an event center, a luxury cinema, hotels, recreation areas, residential units and class A office space.”

The Village at Allen is located at the southeast quadrant of Stacy Road and U.S. 75 in Collin County. In addition to the retail and hotel components, the mixed-use development will feature 500,000 square feet of office space and the 6,275-seat Allen Event Center, scheduled to open in October 2009.

The Village at Allen also will feature a variety of amenities including a Village Green with a performance stage and interactive fountain; a one-acre park; a children’s play area; a dog park; and a gazebo/pavilion area.

The Village at Allen is being developed in conjunction with The Village at Fairview, opening Aug. 5, 2009. The two developments will be separated by Stacy Road but are designed and being developed as one project. The joint project, known as The Village, will span 400 acres. Upon completion, The Village will feature 2 million square feet of retail and 1 million square feet of office, residential and hotel space.

The MGHerring Group recently completed another development in the Dallas area – Uptown Village at Cedar Hill, located at Highway 67 and F.M. 1382 in Cedar Hill, Texas. Uptown Village at Cedar Hill opened March 12, 2008.

About The MGHerring Group

With a reputation for design, quality and integrity, Dallas-based The MGHerring Group has developed more than 30 major shopping centers and regional malls in the United States and Mexico, totaling more than 24 million square feet of retail space. The MGHerring Group has been recognized with numerous industry awards and is considered by many to be among the top shopping center developers in the nation.

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