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## CHRISTOPHER GUY WISHING TREE HEADS TO HIGH POINT FOR SPECIAL SHOWING AT THE AMERICAN HOME FURNISHINGS HALL OF FAME®

**HIGH POINT, N.C., March 13, 2024** — The stunning, one-of-a-kind Christopher Guy Wishing Tree is being transported from London to High Point for a special showing at the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame® building during the April 13 to 17 Spring High Point Market.

Found in cultures around the world, wishing trees are decorated with ribbons, notes and artwork that are expressions of dreams, hopes and ideas that live in the human spirit. The Christopher Guy tree, created by artisans to support Make-A-Wish UK, features twisting silver gilded branches adorned with twinkling lights and miniature furnishings that are handmade by skilled craftsmen using the same detailed carving, gilding, lacquering and finishing techniques that are applied to the company's full-sized furnishings pieces. The tree was unveiled in September 2023 at Design Centre Chelsea Harbour, a premier design destination in London.

The result is a spectacular piece of artwork designed and crafted with heart and purpose.

"The Christopher Guy Wishing Tree is truly a piece of art, and we are honored that their team wanted to share it with the industry in this special way, where the industry gathers," says Karen McNeill, CEO and chairman of the Hall of Fame Board of Directors. "It's really quite magical and inspiring in its design and execution. It will be an only-at-the- all-of-Fame experience."

Like its U.S. counterpart, Make-A-Wish UK is a charity supporting children with critical illnesses. An animated feature on the christopherguy.com website offered visitors the chance to donate to the charity after the Wishing Tree was unveiled last fall, and all UK profits from the Christopher Guy Wishing Tree campaign's home furnishings sales were donated to Make-A-Wish UK. At the end of the display period, The Wishing Tree will be donated to the UK charity for fundraising in its annual auction.

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## ABOUT THE AMERICAN HOME FURNISHINGS HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION

The American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., is an industry-wide organization founded to preserve its history, to celebrate exceptional individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the U.S. home furnishings industry, to inspire the next generation of innovative leaders and to engage the community with the world of home furnishings. Our new home, which opened in April 2023, is a symbol of the Home Furnishings Capital of the World™ where the industry gathers, where we honor our leaders and tell our stories, and where we learn through exhibits, seminars and speakers. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, funds support our history and leadership programming. The organization

is based in High Point, North Carolina, at 311 S. Hamilton St., and can be reached at 336.882.5900 or by visiting www.homefurnishingshalloffame.com.

## **ABOUT CHRISTOPHER GUY**

Christopher Guy creates extensive collections of exceptional furnishings, designed and expertly crafted in their Java, Indonesia, ateliers. These Christopher Guy workshops in Central Java cover more than one million square feet, providing a workplace for 2,000 of the world's finest craftsmen. Here, the skills used to craft the pieces include carving, gilding, finishing in veneers, lacquering, hand painting, rattan weaving, mosaic making, metalworking and upholstery. Founded over 30 years ago by the late Christopher Guy Harrison, CG pieces are designed to transcend modern, traditional and cultural boundaries. An uncompromising sense of style and a seam of elegance have ensured that CG redefines the aesthetics of design, leading the company to be known as "Creators of the World's Most Fabulous Lifestyles" and having "Elegance with Edge." For more information visit <a href="https://www.christopherguy.com">www.christopherguy.com</a>.

## **ABOUT MAKE-A-WISH**

Make-A-Wish UK is a charity that makes dreams come true for children with critical illnesses. Around 63,000 children in the UK are eligible for a wish because they have a life-limiting or life-threatening condition. Make-A-Wish exists to put the issues involved in living with these conditions to one side by empowering a child with the chance to choose a wish that's unique to them, when so much else has been decided for them because of their health needs. In doing so, a wish creates hope, happiness and memories for the whole family to cherish.

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