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National Office Furniture Announces Third Annual \$25,000 Gift of Inspiration for Education Environments

Once awarded, National will have donated \$110,000 to education and healthcare organizations through its Gift of Inspiration program in the past two years.

JASPER, IN (March 8, 2011) – National Office Furniture announces its Third Annual \$25,000 Gift of Inspiration for Education Environments. As education funding and enrichment program support remain challenged, National is pleased to offer the \$25,000 Gift of Inspiration to enhance the learning experience and provide new opportunities for student and educator advancement. The donation can be used for technology needs, scholarships, training and development programs, facility enhancements or any other worthwhile endeavor.

This is National's third Gift of Inspiration for Education and fifth overall with two benefitting healthcare organizations. Last year's education winner, Hill College in Hillsboro, TX, utilized the \$25,000 gift to start their "Building Pathways to Success" scholarship program for first generation college students (identified as students not having any immediate family members that attended or graduated from a two or four year college). The funds from National's Gift of Inspiration will provide opportunities for these students to start a legacy of continuing education to pass along to future generations.

Prior to this, National awarded its first Gift of Inspiration award of \$10,000 to Southwest Middle School of Savannah, Georgia, where the funds were utilized to start a "Second Chance" mentoring and after school program for at-risk students. Based on responses to the program, National increased the gift amounts to \$25,000.

"At National, we strive to create a better tomorrow. We're very excited to offer our third Gift of Inspiration for Education to help begin another legacy of lifetime enrichment through educational opportunities," says Kevin McCoy, General Manager, National Office Furniture, and Vice President, Kimball International. "Whether through volunteering or donations such as the Gift of Inspiration, it's important to support local communities; we're proud to make a difference."

The latest *Gift of Inspiration for Education Environments* allows education organizations to register to win \$25,000 from the office furniture manufacturer. Education organizations can enter now through August 31, 2011, simply by registering at www.NationalOfficeFurniture.com/Education. No purchase is necessary. The Gift of Inspiration is not a grant, so an application is not necessary. For official rules, go to: www.NationalOfficeFurniture.com/Education.



National Representatives: Kevin McCoy - General Manager and Vice President of Kimball International, Kourtney Smith - Vice President of Marketing, Bob Rohlman - Vice President of Sales, and Don Van Winkle - President Office Furniture Group and Vice President of Kimball International, present the \$25,000 Gift of Inspiration to students and faculty members of Hill College, Demetria Caston - Director of Institutional Advancement and Dr. Sheryl Kappus – President.

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About the Gift of Inspiration Program

Drawing upon knowledge from serving key customer markets of education and healthcare, National Office Furniture started its *Gift of Inspiration* program in 2009 to enable opportunities for educators and healthcare providers to enrich lives and communities. National wanted to do its part in supporting educators, students, caregivers, and care recipients with a chance to provide inspirational, meaningful programs, especially as funding for these important initiatives has been challenged by the economy. National's program allows the company to give back to these markets with financial gifts that may be used for technology needs, scholarships, training and development programs, or facility enhancements.

About National Office Furniture:

National Office Furniture, a brand unit of Kimball International, Inc. (NASDAQ: KBALB), is a Jasper, Indiana-based manufacturer of high-quality office furnishings. Since 1980, National has built a reputation for excellence with stylish furniture of exceptional value; a dedication to personalized service; product designs that reflect a passion for the user's comfort and productivity; and a commitment to environmental responsibility. For more information about National and its products, visit: www.NationalOfficeFurniture.com

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