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**VON MAUR WILL ANCHOR THE VILLAGE OF ORCHARD HILLS DEVELOPMENT
IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., November 10, 2008 — Birmingham, Mich.-based commercial real estate development firm Robert B. Aikens & Associates, LLC today officially announced that Von Maur will join its The Village of Orchard Hills in Grand Rapids, Mich, serving as the center's primary anchor. The announcement was made by Bruce Aikens, Vice Chairman for Robert B. Aikens & Associates.

Von Maur, an upscale retailer selling brand-name clothing, accessories, cosmetics, shoes and jewelry, will occupy 120,000 square feet and use The Village of Orchard Hills to make its debut in Western Michigan. Von Maur currently operates 23 stores in nine states, including stores in Ann Arbor, Mich. and Livonia, Mich.

"We are thrilled Von Maur is joining The Village of Orchard Hills," said Aikens. "The addition of a retailer with the experience, track record and success of Von Maur to the project sets the tone for the affluent, upscale consumer the center will serve."

"The Village of Orchard Hills is an ideal location for Von Maur as we continue expanding our presence throughout the Midwest," said Jim von Maur, president of Von Maur. "Grand Rapids is a major shopping destination for those living in Western Michigan, and we look forward to bringing our high-quality merchandise and outstanding service and benefits to this part of the state."

The Village of Orchard Hills is a 400,000 square-foot mixed-use lifestyle center project, located at the corner of Three Mile Road and East Beltline Avenue in Grand Rapids Township, Michigan. Featuring a mix of retail uses, including a department store, restaurants and a bookstore, as well as future development of 156 condominium units, the project will be patterned after the company's successful Village of Rochester Hills project located in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Construction is scheduled to start in early 2010, with completion scheduled for Fall, 2011.

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About Von Maur

Von Maur was founded 130 years ago in downtown Davenport, Iowa, by C.J. von Maur. The company currently operates 23 stores in nine Midwestern states. Von Maur is known for its outstanding customer service experience and benefits, including an interest-free credit card, no-questions-asked return policy and free gift wrapping and shipping services. The company also offers its associates above-market wages, excellent benefits and flexible, family-friendly scheduling. At Von Maur, customers find a great selection of merchandise including first-in-the-market fashions and a wide selection of brands such as: Polo Ralph Lauren, Burberry, Kenneth Cole, Garfield & Marks, Misook, Austin Reed, Tommy Bahama, and Joseph Abboud. For more information, please visit www.vonmaur.com.

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