## Tricks, Treats, and Pics at Pippin McGee's Halloween Photos for Acadiana Outreach

Little ghouls, goblins, princesses and fairies will be running around Pippin McGee's furniture showroom this Halloween. Acadiana Outreach is teaming up with Pippin McGee for Halloween pictures, to benefit families in need at the Lighthouse Shelter for Women and Children.

<u>Pippin McGee Children's Furniture Store</u> is hosting their annual Kids Halloween and Fall Pictures taken by Buffy Masey, on Saturday, October 30th from 1 to 4 pm, at their retail location on Ambassador Caffery Parkway, with all proceeds going to Acadiana Outreach.

Acadiana Outreach, based in Lafayette, LA, is a social enterprise that provides opportunities for those less-fortunate in the community and helps them get back on their feet, through "hand-ups" not "hand-outs." They rely heavily on local support from individuals and companies, like Pippin McGee, to help fund their efforts at getting families and individuals not only food, clothes, and shelter, but back to providing for themselves.

Pippin McGee is a Lafayette, LA-owned children's furniture and room solutions center opened in 2005. Kim Crouchet, owner, says, "It has always been my aim to find ways to give back to the community. It was part of my business plan from day one and making a difference has always been part of my personal philosophy." In addition to the Halloween Pictures, Acadiana Outreach partnered with Pippin McGee on past projects, such as the Back to School Supplies Drive and Spring Clean and Donate Drive, as well as helping Outreach families in need of children's furniture. In addition to a full service room design center, Pippin McGee also offers everything from convertible, all-wood baby cribs and triple bunk beds to colorful loft beds with tents and slides.

Jill Meaux, the Director of Community Relations for Acadiana Outreach, "is thrilled to be working with Pippin McGee on a worthy and fun fundraising cause that will benefit the hundreds of children helped through various programs, including the Acadiana Outreach Lighthouse Shelter for Women and Children." Buffy Massey is the local photographer that has been helping with these events for the last several years and has become a local favorite because of his ability to get the kids to smile and have fun.

This fun, family event will be at Pippin McGee's new, larger location at 3814-B Ambassador Caffery Parkway. Along with Halloween pictures, there will be cookie decorating stations, hand print art booths, and an in-store scavenger hunt for prizes, for the children to participate in.

Door prizes, coupon sales and candy finds will help make the event fun and enjoyable for all ages. "In today's economy, giving back has become a little more taxing," says Jill Meaux, "but Pippin McGee continues to be a great partner with us and helps make some serious needs a reality."

The picture taking sessions will be from 1 to 4 pm, and are \$5 a piece, with 100% of the proceeds going to help as many as 15 families currently residing in Acadiana Outreach's Lighthouse, as well as hundreds more in the community. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to take pictures in front of a festive Fall background.