

## **ART from the ashes raises \$12,000 for Meta (Making Education The Answer)**

**"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see" ~ Henry David Thoreau**

**(November 11, 2008; Los Angeles, CA)** – On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, **ART from the ashes** hosted its first charity exhibition and silent auction at **Cisco Home** in Pasadena, California. Twenty-one artists spanning five states shared **ART from the ashes'** inspiration and contributed the art that provided over \$12,000 to benefit Meta (Making Education The Answer). Without the spirit and vision of these artists, this event would not have been possible: Kevin Caron, Joy Feuer, Kay Kropp, Michael Kurtz, Tracy Longley-Cook, Ceres Madoo, Valery Milovic, John Matthews, Carolyn Mendoza, Sally Middleton, Renee Palmer, Terri Phillips, Joan Robey, Rachel Rose, Jude' Silva, Lillian Utsumi, Roberta Veatch, Evan Vieser, Joan Waters, Lisa G. Westheimer and Ray Yocum.

97 unique works of art were created from the charcoal, ash, glass, metal, wood, fabric and found objects left behind after the devastating Cisco Brothers warehouse fire that took place in South Central Los Angeles on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The metal sculpture, photography, jewelry, pottery, glasswork, painting and mixed media pieces are on display at **Cisco Home** until November 15, 2008. The one-year anniversary of the warehouse fire celebrates a rebirth and renewal of these elements collected from the site.

ART from the ashes and Cisco Home share a philosophy of environmental and social responsibility. They believe that what was once considered waste can be crafted into something beautiful, and that the product of that work can go a step further to help others. This exhibition showcased that sentiment in a powerful and tangible way.

### **Exhibition show dates**

Nov 1-15

Monday – Saturday 10-6

Sunday 11-5

### **Location:** Cisco Home Studio

474 S Arroyo Pkwy

Pasadena, CA 91105

### **About ART from the ashes:**

**ART from the ashes** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, founded by native Californian **Joy Feuer**. The group is a collaborative of independent artisans and volunteers who contribute talent, time and energy to create art for resource. Artwork is crafted from materials collected from fire site locations after personal items have been removed. Debris that would otherwise be cleared and dumped into landfill is gathered and reconfigured into one-of-a-kind works of art through the unique vision of each artist. The driving motivation of **ART from the ashes** is to create something positive from the devastating aftermath of a fire and to provide a cathartic avenue for those individuals and businesses that have been directly affected.

### **About Cisco Home:**

**Cisco Home** is a sustainable furniture company with retail and designer showrooms that embrace the beauty of construction through the use of natural, pure materials. **Cisco Home** has six retail showrooms including a gallery at ABC Home Furnishings in NYC and the acclaimed LA Design Center in South Central Los Angeles. Handcrafted in LA since 1990.

### **For more information go to:**

[www.artfromtheashes.org](http://www.artfromtheashes.org)

[www.ciscobrothers.com](http://www.ciscobrothers.com)

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