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## Chicago Happenings

November 2009

### Independent Shopper?

Shopping this Holiday Season? Check out [Local First Chicago's Independent Shopping Guide - Holiday 2009 Edition](#)

### Give the Gift of Chicago!

Support Local First Chicago! [Donate online](#) in your name or in a friend's. We'll send a card to your friend and a receipt to you! Thank you for your support!

### Independent Holidays!

A study in Austin, TX showed that if each household redirected just \$100 of planned holiday spending from chain stores to locally owned merchants, the local economic impact would reach approximately \$10 Million. [Click here](#) to see more reasons to shop local.

### Special Thanks to Joyful Dental Care!

Thank you to Dr. Joy V. Poskozim, DDS of [Joyful Dental Care](#) (6314 N. Cicero, Chicago) for donating envelopes to Local First Chicago this month!

### Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am: Green Friday at GreenHeart

The Friday after Thanksgiving, often referred to as "Black Friday" has been renamed to "Green Friday" by the Greenheart Shop. Typically known as a crazed day among shoppers flocking to big box stores the day after Thanksgiving, the Greenheart shop offers holiday shoppers an alternative to the madness. On this day, Greenheart will be offering its guests fair trade tea and wine, snacks, make-your-own recycled gift wrap lessons, and the chance to purchase eco-friendly, fairly traded gifts this holiday season.  
[GreenHeart](#) @ 1911 W. Division St., Chicago

### Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm: Holiday Free Shipping Promo

Become part of the movement - shop fair trade at Mata Traders! Use coupon code: FREE SHIPPING when shopping at <http://www.matatraders.com> and we'll send you your stuff for free!  
Shop [Mata Traders](#) online at <http://www.matatraders.com>

### November 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>: It's A Wonderful Weekend

It's a Wonderful Weekend in Downtown Downers Grove Nov 27–29! Kick off the Holiday Season with friends and family in Downtown Downers Grove. The streets will be lit by luminaries and filled with the sounds of caroling to lead you to the wonderful events.

### Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>: myEARTH360.Com supports the Education Foundation

You'll find everything from the practical to the eco-chic. A portion of all sales is donated to the National Environmental Education Foundation.  
Shop [myEARTH360.com](http://www.myEARTH360.com) online at <http://www.myEARTH360.com>

### Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>: \$50 Proof Special

For just \$50, we will proof up to 10 pages. Don't let overlooked typos tarnish your reputation!  
[Big Buzz Idea Group](#) @ 3332 W. Foster Ave., #121, Chicago IL | (847) 677-8273

### Mingle & Meet the Experts!

We are currently setting the schedule of our 2010 Mingle & Meet the Experts networking event. If you'd like to host the event please let us know! [Email us today!](#)

### Fan Us! Join Our Group!

Fan [Local First Chicago on Facebook!](#)  
Managed by [Big Teeth Productions](#).

Join our [LinkedIn Group!](#) Post to our discussions. Meet local business owners.

### Meet the Board!

Meet the Board of Director of Local First Chicago! [Click here](#) to read their biographies.

### New to Local First Chicago?

Are you new to Local First Chicago? Curious why you should shop local? Check our PSA, "[Why Do You Shop Local](#)" video by [Big Teeth Productions](#). Or read our published list of [Top Ten Reasons to Shop Local](#). Happy Shopping!

### Love Going Out?

Check out our full [calendar of events](#). You'll be keeping very busy this winter.

#### Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10 am: Sign, Dance, & Play at Bellybum

Come sing, dance and play with Miss Aimee Leigh! Kids of All Ages Welcome! \$90 for 6 Week Session (\$18 Walk-In) Bring your children and have fun!

[Bellybum Boutique](#) @ 4347 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago IL 60618 | (773) 868-0944

#### Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6 pm: MindfuLive!: Oh My God - Exclusive Sneak Peek

Join us for our next MindfuLive! - Community Event Series, a special screening of the film Oh My God. This is an exclusive Chicago Sneak Peak. Tickets \$15 in advance  
[www.brownpapertickets.com/event/86040](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/86040)

[Unity in Chicago](#) @ 1925 W. Thome, Chicago | [mindfulmetropolis.com](http://mindfulmetropolis.com)

#### Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am: FREE Child Development Support Group: Identifying Milestones

Walk In: FREE For Parents of Children Ages Newborn-3 yrs Join us for coffee and an informal discussion (infants and young toddlers welcome to join parents). This support group is aimed to provide parents a forum to share experiences, ask questions about, and provide support for one another regarding their children's development. Other free events listed at [www.localfirstchicago.org](http://www.localfirstchicago.org).

[Bellybum Boutique](#) @ 4347 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago IL 60618 | (773) 868-0944

#### Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5 – 8 pm: Meet Local Photographer Theresa Bertocci

New Discoveries will be hosting a get together with local photographer Theresa Bertocci. Theresa is a portrait, documentary, and fine-art photographer. She explores aspects of cultural anthropology in the United States and abroad.

[New Discoveries](#) @ 2236 W Roscoe St, Chicago | (773) 360-8564

#### Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm: Bright Endeavors Holiday Open House Sale

Shop for the holidays and help us end poverty! Join us for festive drinks and treats, live music and shop the unique Dreambean product line. All proceeds go to support the young, at-risk women that lovingly create all products.

[Bright Endeavors](#)' Studio @ 4229 N Honore/4222 N Ravenswood | (773) 388-2811

#### Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm: Coach Eyewear Trunk Show

Eye See Ravenswood is pleased to host a Coach Eyewear and Sunwear Trunk Show! Please join us as we celebrate the holiday season with the Coach line of Frames as well as special offers!

[Eye See Ravenswood](#) @ 4735 N. Damen Ave, Chicago | (773) 961-8700

#### Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm: GreenHeart Artisan Featuring - Mata Traders

Stop in for a festive shopping evening! Mata Traders, started by two local Chicago woman, works with fair trade women's cooperatives in India to make their beautiful clothing and jewelry. Enjoy complimentary Fair Trade wine, shop, talk, and learn more about some of the incredible artisans behind our products as we host a rotating schedule of local Chicago vendors in the shop each month.

[Greenheart Shop](#) @ 1911 W. Division St., Chicago IL 60622 | (312) 264-1625

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