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**STEVENS EXHIBITS**

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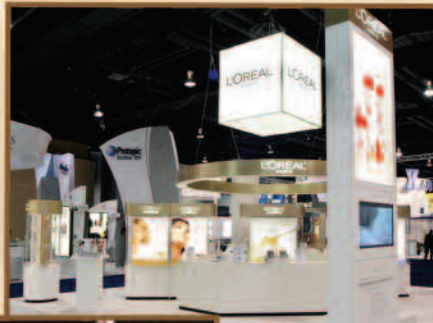
But wait! Look even deeper and you'll find a trail of rumor and myth. The Stevens Exhibits plant is situated on 100,000 feet of space located at the edge of Bridgeport, right next door to Canaryville, once known as an Irish-American enclave. Rumor has it that, during Prohibition, the building was used as a brewery, and huge kegs of beer were smuggled out of the plant via underground tunnels. Is it true? The fact is that the company had to fill in a series of tunnels in order to stabilize the building's foundation. And what about the brewery? Considering Chicago's rich history of outlaws, untouchables and myth-makers, just about anything could be true.

**T**he facts are clear enough. Around the time of Chicago's Century of Progress Exposition in 1932, an Irish-American family named McKernin, with roots deep in Chicago's South Side, established a firm to manufacture exhibits. In 1966, Tom McKernin founded a new company with a partner. Within one year, Tom became sole proprietor. That company transformed into the Stevens Exhibits of today. A company where the McKernin kids who once considered the plant their own private playground, are now in charge. Together, the members of the extended McKernin clan oversee the design, manufacture, and installation of world-class displays and exhibits.

trust," says Julie. "We've poured more than 40 years of blood, sweat, tears and laughter into this business. And we put great value on family – not only our own but also the families of our employees who contribute so much to our success."

To the McKernins, each project has its own unique personality. "Our goal is to move beyond everyday ideas and search for the unexpected," says Julie. "That's one reason we're able to consistently produce innovative, high-impact custom exhibits that really catch the eye and provide great value for our clients. Some of these clients have been with us for 20, 30, even 35 years."

McKernin family members also believe in sharing their good fortune and giving back to the community. They lovingly support Chicago-based organizations such as Little Sisters of the Poor, the Shriners, the Bronzeville Historical Museum



Underlying these facts you'll find a rock-strong dedication to family, neighborhood and community. "Our core values are integrity, quality, creativity and

