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*Season's Greetings  
From all of us at the BHF*

ETHAN ALLEN COMPANY TO DONATE MACHINERY FOR PRODUCTION OF FURNITURE IN AFGHANISTAN

The well-known American furniture company Ethan Allen has agreed to donate to the BHF the machinery for a furniture production factory in Kabul. The factory, which will be owned by a joint venture in which an Afghan woman entrepreneur is a principal partner with TFI International and EnterpriseWorks/VITA, a US non-profit, has been refurbished just outside the Afghan capital, and will be ready to begin production shortly. The Ethan Allen donation will be handed over by the BHF to the furniture company as soon as possible. The furniture to be produced will be marketed as part of a program to supply much-needed fully-furnished pre-fabricated homes for the Afghan population. There is a major requirement for housing and furniture in Afghanistan following more than twenty years of war and economic stagnation. More information on Ethan Allen can be found on their website, at [www.ethanallen.com](http://www.ethanallen.com)



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