

ENTREPRENEUR SPOTLIGHT

Enterprise Facilitation Celebrates the Opening of Zallery in Atchison

Project Outcomes:

(June 2, 2003 to October 1, 2006)

- ◆ Total Clients Assisted: **310**
- ◆ Businesses Started: **27**
- ◆ Businesses Expanded: **7**
- ◆ Jobs Created: **94**
- ◆ Businesses Retained: **5**
- ◆ Jobs Retained: **17**
- ◆ Tune-Ups of Existing Businesses: **33**

In July, Joanna and Jason Zhao fulfilled a dream with the opening of Zallery. The shop offers oriental antiques, home décor and furniture. "We came up with the idea for Zallery because we love oriental furniture and I had always dreamed of having my own little shop," Joanna said. Jason came to Atchison from Shanghai five years ago for a job at MGP Ingredients. Joanna came from Poland two years ago after marrying Jason. Jason's family is still in China and helps the couple select items for the store. All are authentic items, not reproductions. "Our family members find the items and ship them to us," Jason explained. "The internet is amazing because we can



Enterprise Facilitation board members congratulate Jason & Joanna Zhao at Zallery on August 3, 2006.

transfer images of what we want." In working to get the shop open, the Zhaos received assistance from the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise Facilitation, and many friends. "We are very lucky,"

Jason said. "We were not born and raised here, but we have a lot of friends here." The couple encourages you to visit Zallery at 111 N. Fifth St. in Atchison, KS. For more information on the shop, call 913-367-4868.

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Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation Initiative

Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation is a five-county effort to help people transform their dreams and talents into viable business ventures. Facilitator, Janet Griesel, provides free, confidential business management

coaching to aspiring and existing entrepreneurs in Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, and Nemaha counties. She is assisted by an approximately 50 member community resource board. Resource board members are

dedicated volunteers who help Janet locate resources for individual clients. Board members volunteer their networks, knowledge, business experience, skills, and time to assist area entrepreneurs.

Upcoming Events:

November 2, 2006

5:30 pm - New Board Member Training Session at Fisher Center, 201 E. Iowa, Hiawatha, KS

7:00 pm - Board Meeting at Fisher Center, 201 E. Iowa, Hiawatha, KS