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## **Fair Trade Boutique opens on Strand in Downtown Galveston**

**GALVESTON, Texas (December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018)** – Bel Pri Jewelry and Gifts opened its doors on November 21, 2018, in their new home located at 2301 Strand Street. Bel Pri focuses on fair trade partnerships which ensure that the artisans are being paid fair wages, have a safe working environment, are providing ongoing education/training and have environmental sustainability.

Shara Hanley founded Bel Pri in 2015, after a trip to Haiti to visit her daughter who was teaching there. She became passionate about bringing their beautiful, one of a kind handcrafted jewelry, home goods and gifts back to the States. Bel Pri Jewelry and Gifts began with Papillon Enterprises located in Port-Au-Prince. Papillon's artisan guild creates and produces beautiful handcrafted jewelry, home goods and gifts using discarded metal, cardboard, aluminum and paper along with native clay. Over time, they have partnered with several organizations in other countries, as well as, some socially responsible companies state side.

"Gift giving is a feel good event. Pair that with benefitting a cause or someone in need, and you have an experience that's priceless," said Shara Hanley. The name "Bel Pri" means "beautiful prize" in creole, which is the native language in Haiti. They carry a wide selection of jewelry that includes on trend fashion styles, original designs, one-of-a-kind handmade pieces, handcrafted Haitian artisan items, charitable lines and fun, stylish accessories and gifts.

Shara, owner of Bel Pri, said she and her husband want to retire to Galveston. They have always been attracted to the Strand because of the historic buildings and the convenience of walking to shops, restaurants and businesses. "Bel Pri is excited to be in Galveston, especially on the Strand; and we are looking forward to the adventure in front of us."

For more information visit <http://belpri.net> or call (409) 443-5200.

### **About Mitchell Historic Properties, Inc.**

Mitchell Historic Properties oversees the Galveston properties owned by the Cynthia and George Mitchell family, including three hotels, The Hotel Galvez & Spa, The Tremont House, and Harbor House Hotel & Marina, as well as, commercial and residential properties located downtown and at Pier 21<sup>®</sup> along Galveston's historic harbor. The Mitchell's ongoing preservation of Galveston's Historic Downtown helped spark the resurrection of The Strand National Historic Landmark District and Pier 21<sup>®</sup> as a tourist destination. "The Mitchell family shares a deep appreciation for Galveston's heritage," said Grant Mitchell, President of MHP, "and we remain inspired by the vision of my parents. The buildings they saved speak to us as much as they did to them. My family is firmly dedicated to preserving my parents' legacy." For leasing information, visit [www.MitchellHistoricProperties.com](http://www.MitchellHistoricProperties.com) or call (409) 761-4110.