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## South Lyon business owner expands to Highland

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Mary Kabisa never thought she would be expanding her business during this tough economy. But when the right offer came around, she couldn't refuse.

"It was the best opportunity that came my way that I never planned," she said. "It's amazing to me."

Kabisa opened up a second unique furnishings and interior design store inside Colasanti's market in Highland Township last month.

"I felt I had to do this," she said. "It has always been my dream."

Kabisa came upon the opportunity while designing the interior of Colasanti's gift shop. Before she knew, it that old gift shop turned into her second Casa De Amici location.

Her first Casa De Amici location opened in downtown South Lyon March of 2008.

"I feel it's going to be an asset to my store here and an asset to South Lyon," Kabisa said. "I feel it's a good cross reference here to South Lyon."

Kabisa said her new store, found wandering through the Colasanti's lush greenhouse, will have many of the same items as her South Lyon location, with possibly more vintage pieces.

Both locations will have one-of-a-kind finds, local art work, candles and the rich, decorative home goods Kabisa has become known for. Her stores also carry funk clothing items.

All of Kabisa's items are personally hand chosen for her store and depict her flair for interior design.

"I call it my crazy eye," she said.

Kabisa said she is very excited to be a part of Colasanti's.

"I always knew it was a wonderful market," she said.

Kabisa said she will split her time between both stores and will maintain her interior design business. She said she loves what she does.

"I try to make everyone feel welcome," she said. "I try to make people feel better they have entered my store."

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