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## **ERIE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP WELCOMES MASON JARS® COMPANY TO DOWNTOWN**

**Please Join Us for a Ribbon Cutting  
October 29, 2014  
10:30 a.m.  
Renaissance Building, Suite 1220  
1001 State Street, Downtown Erie**

Erie's own Mason Jars Company has moved to downtown Erie and is now operating international sales, marketing, and product design of reCAP® mason jar caps and accessories from the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Renaissance Building, 1001 State Street. Erie Downtown Partnership CEO John Buchna was one of the first downtown leaders to welcome owner Karen Rzepecki and her staff of five employees to their new headquarters. Together, John and Karen will cut the ribbon to suite 1220 and officially launch Mason Jars Company's downtown operations.

Karen said, "Downtown is a prime location for Mason Jars Company. I anticipate many years of business growth working from the heart of Erie."

The Renaissance Building is conveniently located near the Bayfront Highway, I-90, and I-79, and is just six miles from Erie International Airport, Tom Ridge Field. The building is located near the Bayfront Convention Center, County and Federal Court Houses, universities, hospitals, hotels, restaurants, museums, ballparks and banks.

Under Mason Jars Company, the reCAP® brand designs and manufactures caps and accessories that allow people to reuse Mason jars in unique and environmentally friendly ways. Launched in 2012, the company's products are made in Erie using expert services from Plastikos Inc. and McCarty Printing Corporation. While the products are sold online at [masonjars.com](http://masonjars.com) many are sold in local retail stores in Erie and around the world.

Erie Downtown Partnership CEO John Buchna said, "Emerging businesses like Mason Jars Company are wise to establish their headquarters downtown. The intellectual and creative energy is always flowing, whether you're at meetings, at lunch, or simply walking to your destination. Legal, financial, and advertising professionals are all minutes away. Downtown is the place to grow business."

This month, Mason Jars Company launched its second Kickstarter campaign to raise funds for its latest innovation, the Flip Cap. The *reCAP Flip Cap* is a BPA-free, FDA-approved plastic Mason jar cap with a "flip" lid that opens up to a 2" diameter opening – perfect for snatching homemade pickles, spooning out jams and jellies, or scooping up your favorite snack or Mason jar meal. To support the Kickstarter campaign through November 3, 2014, visit [MasonJars.com/Kickstarter](http://MasonJars.com/Kickstarter).

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*The Erie Downtown Partnership is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the revitalization of downtown Erie by improving its image, business climate, physical environment, and design. Learn more at [www.eriedowntown.com](http://www.eriedowntown.com).*