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COTS ImaginAide 2009 Artists Against Homelessness”

Bulgarian Artist Recognized for Unique Work

Detroit, Michigan - March 15, 2009 – The Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS) will hold its premiere, annual art auction fundraiser, ImaginAide, Saturday, April 25, at the new Motor City Casino Hotel located in downtown Detroit. The artwork will be auctioned off to benefit Detroit’s homeless. Visit www.cotsdetroit.org for details and tickets.

Elena Ilieva, a student at Oakland University, majoring in mathematics, is one of 10 artists who received a commendation from art expert, author and critic, Marsha Miro, for creative donations to COTS ImaginAide art auction.

Ilieva moved to Sterling Heights with her family from Bulgaria 7-/12 years ago and is delighted to have her work recognized. “This is a great program. I always want to give back by doing something good for the community, particularly if it’s something I enjoy,” says Elena. She is donating a piece of scratchboard art, a unique art medium, depicting the New York Twin Towers prior to September 11.

COTS Chief Development Officer, Lynn Wilhelm, is delighted with the variety and quality of art donated by artists from every spectrum. “This is going to be a spectacular evening,” says Lynn. “There will be something for everyone.”

Founded in 1982, the Coalition On Temporary Shelter (COTS) is a private, non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing and comprehensive support services for Detroit’s homeless population. Its mission is to alleviate homelessness by offering an array of services, which enable people to achieve economic self-sufficiency and decent, affordable housing. COTS™ 140-bed shelter provides nearly 50,000 nights of emergency shelter each year.

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