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## **Students Reach Out To The Homeless Community Service In The Curriculum**

*Detroit, MI - Feb. 9, 2009* - The Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS) is holding their premiere annual event, **ImaginAide**, on Saturday, April 25, at the new Motor City Casino Hotel located in downtown Detroit. The fundraiser features works by artists and designers that will be auctioned to benefit COTS. Local school-kids are playing a part.

This year, students from Cedar Crest Academy, Clarkston, and Detroit Country Day, Bloomfield Hills, will utilize their creative insights to emphasize the plight of the homeless by decorating memento coffee mugs given to patrons. In preparation, the students will be exposed to the issues surrounding the homeless through a variety of class learning projects.

Cedar Crest Academy is a private, junior kindergarten through grade 8, school that provides an individualized program preparing students to think, problem solve and develop through accelerated math, science and humanities learning.

Cedar Crest Academy's Bette Moen remarks, "The students will be integrating curriculum content with community service and delivering a final product for the **ImaginAide** guests. From this comes their inspiration to create something relevant. We are pleased to be involved."

Detroit Country Day is an independent, co-ed, and non-denominational college prep school for pre-kindergarten through grade12, nationally recognized for its' excellence in academics, athletics and the arts.

COTS Chief Development Officer, Lynn Wilhelm, expressed her appreciation, noting, "It's wonderful that young students care and are willing to learn about our mission and the issues surrounding homelessness."

*Founded in 1982, the Coalition On Temporary Shelter (COTS) is a private, non-profit organization. COTS exists to alleviate homelessness by providing an array of services that enable people to achieve self-sufficiency and obtain quality affordable housing. COTS also exists to advocate for long-term solutions to the problems of homelessness.*

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