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Coalition On Temporary Shelter Protects Victims of Domestic Violence Program Leads to “New Beginnings”

Detroit, MI - Monday, March 17, 2008 - The Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS) Domestic Violence Transitional Service Program (DVTSP) is about to celebrate its 1-year anniversary on April 20.

The program called “New Beginnings” offers housing and support to women with children who are homeless because of domestic violence. Consumers arrive at COTS from domestic violence shelters and a variety of other locations.

Families are placed in housing scattered throughout the City and offered life skills counseling, case management, financial education, programs for their children and more.

“We give families a chance at finding a new life. We continue to work with them and counsel them throughout the program, which runs for 2 years. Our expectation is that they will ultimately end up self sufficient and independent, says Gena Harris, Program Manager.”

“New Beginnings” is a confidential HUD supported program. Families contribute 30% of their income and HUD covers the remaining 70%.

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. Visit www.cotsdetroit.org.

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