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**Trading Coats For Chocolate
Troy “Chocolate Factory” Helps the Homeless**

Troy, MI – February 13, 2008- Brenda Harger believes in COTS (Detroit’s Coalition On Temporary Shelter) and their philosophy of empowering people. Since first meeting COTS’ Robyn Smith and Lynn Wilhelm, Chief Development Officer, three years ago, Brenda has taken in clothing and donations at her business, delivering them to COTS.

Brenda, owner of “Sarah’s Cake Decorating and Candy Supply,” is at it again. This time, she is giving away a pound of famous Merckens chocolate in exchange for clothing and monetary donations to COTS.

Starting Saturday, February 16, 2008, and ending Saturday, March 1, anyone wishing to donate a minimum of \$25.00 cash and/or coats, blankets, gloves or scarves of like value, can take the items to Buckner’s business: “Sarah’s Cake Decorating and Candy Supplies” and help families in need. These can be children’s or adult’s items. COTS asks that these items be clean, and in good condition.

Donations should be taken to “Sarah’s Cake Decorating and Candy Supplies, 5917 John R at Square Lake Rd., in the Emerald Lakes Plaza, in Troy, MI. Store hours are 9:30am – 5:30pm Monday thru Saturday. Thursdays, 9:30 am until 7:00 pm. For directions or further details, call 248-828-3430 or visit www.sarahscakesupplies.net.

Founded in 1982, the Coalition On Temporary Shelter (COTS) is a private, nonprofit 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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