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Chocolate Pizzas – A Labor of Love for Lory's Place

(Southwest, Michigan) January 13, 2009 – If you have a love for chocolate or are looking for a unique gift for a friend, family member, customer, or employee then you've found a special treat with Heart-to-Heart Chocolate Pizzas. These hand-made chocolate candies come in the shape of a pizza – 13" or 5" – and are served in a white pizza box with a red ribbon. The proceeds of the chocolate pizzas go to support Lory's Place, a Grief Healing and Education Center of Hospice at Home.

"Our heart has been with Lory's Place since it began in 2004," explains Dennis and Lynn Bowen, co-creators of Heart-to-Heart Chocolate Pizzas. Three years ago, Dennis and Lynn Bowen were in Florida with their friends Don and Sharon Gillespie. "We spotted chocolate pizzas in the window of a candy shop and were reminded that we had a wonderful recipe at home," the Bowens continue. The four friends decided to make and sell the unique treats as a fundraiser for Lory's Place.

"We donate the ingredients and labor so that every cent that someone pays for a chocolate pizza goes to help the grieving children and families of Lory's Place," states Bowen. Over 200 pizzas have been sold since the group started. They hope that people will find this a new way to support Lory's Place while providing a delicious delight for parties, meetings, gatherings of friends, or simply as a special gift. "With Valentine's Day coming up, it's a great time to try one," suggests Bowen.

Heart-to-Heart Chocolate Pizzas are available by calling Lory's Place at 269-983-2707. A donation of \$25 is requested for the 13" pizza and \$5 for the 5" pizza. The pizzas contain chocolate, nuts, and coconut, as well as other special ingredients. Orders must be received by February 10 for Valentine's Day. They will be available for pick-up at Lory's Place.

Since opening on November 15, 2004, hundreds of children from Allegan, Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties in Michigan, as well as from Elkhart and South Bend in Indiana, have taken the courageous step of accessing the bereavement resource services of Lory's Place. With professional bereavement staff and trained volunteers, Lory's Place provides regularly scheduled age-appropriate support group sessions that allow children and adults to interact with peers who have suffered similar loss. There is no charge for the services that Lory's Place provides.

To receive more information about Lory's Place or Heart-to-Heart Chocolate Pizzas call 269-983-2707 or 1-800-717-3812, or go to www.lorysplace.org.

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