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

St. Joseph, MI – If you have a love for chocolate or are looking for a unique gift for a friend, 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 – 25" or 5" – and are delivered 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, Inc.

"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. Last year at this time, 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. 157 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 taste delight for parties, meetings, gatherings of friends, or simply as a special gift. "With Valentine's Day next week, 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 25" pizza and \$5 for the 5" pizza. The pizzas contain chocolate, nuts, and coconut, as well as other special ingredients.

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.