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2012 Chocolate Festival
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Join the Red Cross at its 15th Annual Chocolate Festival

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. The American Red Cross of Medina County and the J.M. Smucker Company invite you and all your friends to the 15th annual "For the Love of Chocolate" Festival. The 2012 event will feature decadent chocolate items from over 30 chocolatiers, Saturday, February 4, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Medina Performing Arts Center at Medina High School, 851 Weymouth Rd., Medina.

If you love chocolate, you'll love this year's event. All attendees age 5 and older must have a ticket to enter the event. New ticket prices are \$12 and \$7.

This family-oriented event features a Children's Chocolate Cookie Contest; a Decadent Chocolate Dessert Contest for professional cooks and adult and teen hobby cooks sponsored by Buehler's Foods; a Children's Candyland area with games and amusements sponsored by Medina County District Library; and a bake sale featuring contest winners. Chocolatiers also sell scrumptious items that are perfect for Valentine's Day.

The baking contests are held at Buehler's River Styx Community Room, Friday, February 3. Categories include Preschool, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, Adult Hobby Cook (18 and older) and Professional. Entry forms will be available at local Buehler's stores, local libraries and the Red Cross, and must be submitted by January 30, 2012.

Chocolatier samples the day of the festival include items like truffles; chocolate fountain dipping; chocolate decadent brownies; chocolate cake; chocolate-covered strawberries; chocolate pretzel rods; fudge; lollipops; chocolate cookies; chocolate flavored coffee; hot chocolate; solid dark chocolate squares; chocolate chip mints; chocolate ice cream; chocolate pies; chocolate clusters; chocolate brownie chunk cheesecake; chocolate-covered Oreos; espresso milkshakes; truffles; devil's food cake; chocolate popcorn; chocolate mini puffs; buckeyes; chocolate-covered cheesecake; and chocolate suckers.

Sponsors so far include Title Sponsor The J.M. Smucker Company; Silver Showcase Sponsors Western Reserve Masonic Community, 620 Corporation, FirstMerit Bank, Summa Health System, and Ultimate Chocolate Truffle Sponsors Michael E. Kovack, Medina County Auditor and The Hoffman Group. Media sponsors are Medina County Women's Journal, 94.9 WQMX, *The Gazette* and Lamar Advertising.

For information about the event, contact Beth Kilchenman at 330-723-4565 or toll free at 1-877-441-4565 or log on to www.medinaredcross.org.

All proceeds help Medina County families prevent, prepare for and cope with emergencies.

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