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**Local Sugar Artist Celebrity Supports Newhouse
Function Junction Crown Center to host “Icing on the Cake” charity event**

(Kansas City, MO, May 14, 2010) – On June 9, 2010, Mike Elder, three-time champion of TLC’s reality show, *Ultimate Cake Off*, will offer a cake decorating demonstration and cake tasting at the Culinary Studio at Function Junction Crown Center.

The event, called “Icing on the Cake,” will help raise funds for Newhouse domestic violence shelter. “It’s no secret that domestic violence has been on the rise in Kansas City during this economic downturn. And the economy has been tough on our clients, too-- 57% of women who came to Newhouse in the first quarter of 2010 had zero income.” says Leslie Caplan, Newhouse President. “With increased demand for services, Newhouse relies on the support of friends like Mike and Function Junction to continue to offer shelter and services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence.”

Function Junction Crown Center will not only donate 20% of the evening’s sales to Newhouse, but will also offer their Culinary Studio to Newhouse and Mike Elder for the event. Elder, a local professional sugar artist specializing in cake sculpture, is the only three-time undefeated contestant on TLC’s competition series *Ultimate Cake Off*. Mike has offered to donate 100% of the proceeds to Newhouse.

“Icing on the Cake” will be held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 7:00pm at the Culinary Studio at Function Junction Crown Center, 2450 Grand Blvd, KC, MO. The event is open to the public; the registration fee is a \$40 tax-deductible donation to Newhouse. Guests must RSVP to Elizabeth Wheeler, PO Box 240019, Kansas City, MO.

About Newhouse

Founded in 1971, the Newhouse mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing tools that allow women to make positive choices and lead self-sufficient lives. In 2009, Newhouse sheltered 943 women and children. www.newhouseshelter.org