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SARAH'S PASTRIES & CANDIES TO OPEN AT MACY'S ON STATE STREET

CHICAGO — (Sept. 26, 2007) — After two successful years in Chicago's Gold Coast, Sarah's Pastries & Candies today announced plans to open at Macy's on State Street by early November. The opening will be Sarah's Pastries & Candies second location in Chicago and marks the company's first retail shop expansion.

Sarah's Pastries & Candies will occupy 581 square feet on the first floor at Macy's on State Street near the corner of Randolph and Wabash. The shop will offer morning pastries, cakes, tarts, chocolates, cupcakes, wedding cakes, gelato, sorbet, gourmet sandwiches, Intelligentsia coffee and espresso drinks, a variety of gift baskets and many more tantalizing treats all baked fresh daily by Sarah's pastry chefs.

"I've always wanted to open a second store in the Loop and Macy's on State Street is the perfect location," said Sarah Levy, owner of Sarah's Pastries & Candies. "This new shop allows Sarah's to expand our popular handmade chocolates, gift baskets for individuals and companies, specialty cakes as well as wedding cakes and wedding favors to a wider consumer base."

Negotiations began earlier this year after Hedy Ratner, co-president of the Women Business Development Center, introduced Macy's to Sarah Levy. After a successful wholesale, online and retail shop, Levy was looking to expand her business by establishing a second shop location and a new site to produce the pastries.

"Sarah's Pastries & Candies is a staple in Chicago's Gold Coast," said Linda Piepho, vice president and store manager of Macy's on State Street. "We're always looking at ways to bring local businesses to our flagship store in Chicago, and we're proud to support women-owned businesses and share this hometown favorite with our local customers and visitors alike."

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Sarah's Pastries & Candies will be open at Macy's on State Street Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

About Sarah's Pastries & Candies

Chicago native Sarah Levy developed a passion for food at an early age. The daughter of Mark Levy, co-founder of Levy Restaurants, Sarah grew up surrounded by fine food and quickly developed a passion for all things sweet. Inspired by the joy that fine food can bring to peoples' lives, Sarah founded Sarah's Pastries & Candies. Sarah started her company making chocolate candies out of her mom's kitchen. After a year she had built up a wholesale business that includes 17 Whole Foods Markets in the Midwest. Sarah launched her first retail store at 11 E. Oak St. in September 2005. She has expanded her line to include morning pastries, cakes, tarts, espresso drinks and other delectable pastries.

Sarah has trained at several of the country's top restaurants and bakeries, including Spago Beverly Hills where she apprenticed under the James Beard Award winning pastry chef Sherry Yard, and Bittersweet Bakery in Chicago. Sarah is a graduate of Northwestern University and of the French Pastry School of Chicago. For more information, please visit www.sarahscandies.com

About Macy's on State Street

Macy's on State Street, which sets the bar as the most exciting destination in retail, is a full-service department store with a 150-year legacy of fashion leadership and retail excellence. Macy's North's inspiration for unexpected merchandise originates from its legendary State Street store in Chicago – home to the world famous Walnut Room, Great Clocks and Tiffany Ceiling.

Macy's North, one of seven regionally based retail divisions of Macy's, is based in Minneapolis and operates 64 stores in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. For additional media materials, please visit our online pressroom at www.macys.com/pressroom and click on Macy's North.

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