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**For Immediate Release**

**Re: Local Winner - Monday Manalapan, NJ’s very own ChocaL8kiss Bakery took home the grand prize on Episode 1 of Food Network’s “Girl Scout Cookie Championship”!**

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This is no ordinary cookie battle; competitors must take Girl Scout Cookies we all know and love and transform them into edible works of art!

A dining room table

Description automatically generatedChocaL8kiss owner, Sonam Sondhi, is building a sweet life both in and out of the kitchen. In 2017 Sonam visited the Indian orphanage where her husband was adopted. Upon returning to the US, she was inspired to do more for orphaned children. In honor of her 30th birthday she set out to raise enough funds to cover the living costs for 30 children at the orphanage. Not only did she meet the needs of 30 children but in a few short months, Sonam and her supporters raised $22,000 providing safe shelter, food, clothing and education for 60 children for an entire year!

Winning the “Girl Scout Cookie Championship” allows Sonam to empower and support the local community as well. She embodies the Girl Scouts’ mission to provide “the best leadership development experience.” This local champion is on fire and she is ready to share her successes in business and fundraising as well as her competitive edge with the next generation.

Please join local Girl Scout troops at ChocaL8kiss Bakery on February 15, 2020 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. as we celebrate community, entrepreneurship, and cookies - lots and lots of delicious cookies! There will be give-a-ways, raffles, a meet and greet with the champion and much more. Your trusted platform has a wide reach in the community and can help make this event a success.

Having served Manalapan for over a decade, Sonam is passionate about community and is available for interviews, Q&A for local business owners and Food Network fans, and baking demos.

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We hope to see you on Feb. 15 at ChocaL8kiss Bakery 285 Gordans Corner Road, Manalapan, NJ. Sonam Sondhi may be contacted directly by email at [Sonam@chocaL8kiss.com](mailto:sonam@chocaL8kiss.com?subject=Food%20Network%20Cookie%20Challenge%20Press%20Release) or by phone at 1-888-YUM-CAKE (888-986-2253) ext 2. Promotional photos available at [www.ChocaL8kiss.com](http://www.chocal8kiss.com/food-network-girl-scout-cookie-challenge/).

Food Network is distributed to nearly 100 million U.S. households and draws over 46 million unique web users monthly. “Girl Scout Cookie Championship” airs Mondays.