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**Sad Morning leads to Happy Ending for
DirectBuy Home Makeover Winner**

Dartmouth, NS., June 9, 2008 - On Monday May 5, 2008, Muriel Smith of Halifax, NS, had a terrible morning. Suffering from allergies and breathing problems, Smith was forced to give up her 6 week old kittens to a nearby shelter. "I couldn't keep them because of my severe asthma and scent sensitivity," said Smith.

Heartbroken, Smith nearly forgot what the rest of her day held in store for her. Just days earlier, Smith received a letter and phone call from DirectBuy, informing her that she was selected as the Grand Prize Winner of \$25,000 in DirectBuy's Home Makeover Giveaway.

Still a little skeptical about the news, Smith made her way to the DirectBuy showroom in Halifax. "It wasn't until I came into the showroom that my day got a whole lot better," said Smith. "Everyone in the showroom was fantastic. They were so kind and excited to have me and I was so happy to be there."

Waiting there was the staff of the showroom, as well as franchise owner Coletta King. Excitedly, they presented Smith with a check for \$25,000.

To celebrate her good fortune, Muriel and her family will be taking a trip up north to Calgary, AB. Muriel also plans on replacing her roof that has been giving her some problems.



Coletta King, owner, (left) and Muriel Smith, winner, (right)

"It was exciting for all of us to have a Home Makeover winner in our center, but the best part about it was meeting Muriel," said Owner Coletta King. "She is a very warm and sweet person and we were so happy to be able to give this money to her."

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