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## TLC SWEETENS ITS SCHEDULE WITH 'CANDY QUEEN' New series launches December 5 at 10/9c

Mountains of gumdrops, piles of taffy, and confections to the ceiling... Welcome to the sweet life of TLC's brand-new series CANDY QUEEN. Going inside the Wonka-like workshop of Los Angeles-based event planner Jackie Sorkin as she builds an edible empire, the six-part half-hour series premieres Monday, December 5 at 10/9c, following an all-new NEXT GREAT BAKER.

Jackie and her team – engineer Adam and the rest of the "Candy Crew" – hustle to make their clients every wish turned into an over-the-top experience filled with custom candy creations. From celebrity events like Hank Azaria's Determined to Succeed Organization, to a literally Sweet Sixteen dress made out of candy, Jackie's transforming everyday treats into extraordinary works of art. Now, she's expanding her operations and taking on even more challenging projects in an effort to take her company to the next level.

As if the demands of growing a business weren't enough, Jackie's also juggling a full-time family – baby #2 arrives in late November, and joins a supportive husband, adorable daughter, and very opinionated parents. Jackie's a workaholic, but she's willing to risk total meltdown if it means having all of her sweet dreams come true.

CANDY QUEEN is produced for TLC by Half Yard Productions.

## **About TLC**

TLC is a global brand that celebrates extraordinary people and relatable life moments through innovative nonfiction programming. A top 10 cable network for women, TLC has built successful franchises around the Cake Boss and Say Yes to the Dress brands. In the first half of 2011, TLC had 23 series averaging 1.0 million viewers or more including Extreme Couponing, Sister Wives, 19 Kids and Counting, What Not To Wear, and NY Ink.

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