

## **CitiFinancial Presents Girl Scouts of Central Maryland with \$20,000 Grant from the Citigroup Foundation**

Baltimore, MD—CitiFinancial's Baltimore office, located at 300 St. Paul Place, has secured a Citigroup Foundation grant through the Citigroup Foundation Local Contributions Program in the amount of \$20,000 for Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's In-School Girl Scout program. "The Girl Scout council in central Maryland makes a positive difference in Baltimore City," said Mary Louis Preis, Vice President, Community Relations of the Baltimore City CitiFinancial office. "We are proud to support Girl Scouts in their efforts, and we recognize the importance of giving back to our community whether it is in the form of philanthropic contributions or the volunteer time and skills of our employees."

Said Harry Goff, CEO and President of CitiFinancial Corporation, "Our branch network employees are best attuned to the specific needs of the communities where they live and work. Each and every day, they guide us in how we should focus our support and help strengthen our company's commitment to make communities where we do business better places."

"Our office takes the CitiFinancial philosophy of being a community-based lender one step further," said Mary Louis Preis. "We really do care about helping our customers and our neighbors and that's why we're giving our support to Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's In-School program."

"With CitiFinancial's support," Girl Scouts of Central Maryland CEO, Traci Barnett, said, "we can continue our In-School program activities. This program is designed to allow to reach underserved populations where many girls do not participate in after-school activities, and communities where

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there is a shortage of volunteers to provide leadership for traditional troops.” Last year the Girl Scout program was implemented in 31 schools in Baltimore City. Through the In-School Girl Scout program, 1500 girls participated in healthy living—including anti smoking and anti-violence, self-esteem and safety sense activities. “We are extremely pleased and thankful that CitiFinancial has provided the financial support to allow us to continue the program this year,” said Ms. Barnett.

The Citigroup Foundation supports organizations that help people improve their lives, businesses to grow, and communities to prosper around the world. The Citigroup Foundation focuses its grants primarily in three areas: financial education, educating the next generation, and building communities and entrepreneurs. Additional information can be found at <http://citigroupfoundation.org/>.

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls--all girls-- where in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls develop skills for success in the real world and qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. To find out more about the programs and activities Girl Scouts of Central Maryland offers call 410.358.9711 or visit our website: [www.gscm.org](http://www.gscm.org).

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