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Annapolis Mayor Issues Girl Scouts Gift of Caring Proclamation

Annapolis—Mayor Ellen Moyer has designated December as Girl Scouts Gift of Caring Month in the city of Annapolis. The proclamation will be read Saturday, December 16, 2006 in the Center Court of Westfields Annapolis Mall. Girl Scouts will be assembled to hear the proclamation and to sell Girl Scout Cookies. Samoas, Thin Mints, Trefoils, Tag-a-longs and the other cookie varieties that so many of us love to eat, will be available for purchase.

While the Girl Scouts will be happy to sell cookies to individuals who want to restock their cookie shelves, they will also be asking customers to buy and then donate cookies to their Gift of Caring recipient, which, this year is the U.S.O. “Our goal is to send 12,000 boxes of cookies to our troops overseas,” said Terry Mercer, Product Sales Manager for Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. “The soldiers love to receive these cookies; many come with notes of support written by our Girl Scouts. The cookies symbolize something that is very American.”

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Through the booth sales, customers can buy cookies for themselves as well as donate cookies to the Gift of Caring project. The Girl Scouts have secured three weekend dates at Westfields Annapolis—December 8, 16 and 22-- to sell cookies in hopes of attaining personal cookie sale goals and the Gift of Caring goal.

Through the Gift of Caring project, Girl Scouts are able to increase their community service efforts by donating cookies to organizations that reach people locally and around the world. Some of the organizations that have benefited from the Gift of Caring project include: USO, Red Cross, the Maryland Food Bank, Hurricane Katrina Relief Organizations, Baltimore Washington Medical Centers Intensive and Critical Care Units, Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital, Veterans Hospital, The Cancer Center, Elizabeth's House, The Light House Shelter in Annapolis, and the Holy Family House. For more information about the Girl Scout Cookie Sale or the Gift of Caring Project, contact Terry Mercer, Product Sales Manager on 410. 358.9711

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland serves 30,000 girls in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

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