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Girl Scouts and Howard County Library Sign Educational Partnership To Promote Literacy on November 7, 2007

Baltimore-Girl Scouts of Central Maryland and the Howard County Library have entered into an Educational Partnership Agreement designed to promote literacy and expand opportunities for all girls in Howard County via classes for children and teens, like the Red Cross Baby Sitting Course; promotion of community service projects; learning about Maryland's history through Girl Scouts' Heritage Patch Packet; and implementation of the Girl Scouts *Read to Lead* program which focuses on developing a positive attitude towards reading.

The Educational Partnership will be signed at a reception at the Howard County Central Library, 10375 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia, Maryland on Wednesday, November 7, 2008 at 4:00 pm. Prior to the signing Girl Scouts will be reading stories to children visiting the library and helping them with craft projects.

"We are excited about this opportunity to work with the Howard County Library," said Traci Barnett, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's CEO. The mission of the partnership is to develop joint program activities that encourage reading, promote scholarship, and offer opportunities for experiential learning. The event is open to the public.

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Girl Scouts is the preeminent organization for, and leading authority on girls with 3.7 million girl and adult members. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland serves 30,000 girls in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties. Girl Scouting develops girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.