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**Girl Scouts' Membership Specialist to Receive
Award from Bel Air Chapter of Soroptimist International**

Baltimore—Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's veteran Membership Specialist, Elise Highsmith, has been selected to receive the "Making a Difference for Women Award" for her outstanding contributions and work done on behalf of young women from the Bel Air chapter of Soroptimist International. The Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. Mrs. Highsmith will receive her award on April 16, 2008 at St. Mary's Church in Abingdon.

"This award is well deserved," said Traci A. Barnett, CEO of Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. "Elise has been a Membership Specialist for our Council for over 19 years. She is very hard-working and very dedicated to the communities she serves."

Mrs. Highsmith served as a Girl Scout troop leader before becoming employed by the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland council. There are 2,639 Girl Scouts in Harford County where Mrs. Highsmith has served for over 16 years. Mrs. Highsmith's daughter is also involved in Girl Scouting as an adult volunteer in Harford County and her granddaughter is a Girl Scout.

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Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, celebrating 45 years of service to girls throughout central Maryland, provides activities and innovative programs to 30,000 girls in central Maryland with the help of 10,000 adult volunteers. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

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