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Girl Scouts Highlights Local Women Leaders at Forum

Baltimore—On Wednesday, March 12 Girl Scouts of Central Maryland will host its second Women’s Leadership Forum—an interactive discussion that will explore how women and girls develop leadership and how they implement these skills. This year’s panelists are Teera Battle, Junior Achievement 2007 Entrepreneur Awardee; Diane Bell-McKoy, President & CEO of Associated Black Charities; Ellen Fish, President, Towson Community Bank; and Jenny Trostel, President & Owner, SAAB of Baltimore.

A recent report by the Girl Scout Research Institute revealed that “girls view leadership as the qualities one has, rather than a specific role or function.” If that is true, how do women develop leadership skills? What and where are the opportunities that women have to implement their skills? Women today have greater leadership opportunities, but in many cases they still face pressure from society to conform to conventional notions of girls and women. What does that mean for our future women leaders? We invite you to be a part of this insightful conversation.

The discussion will take place at the Baltimore Sun Building at 501 Calvert Street in Baltimore on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. The networking reception begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the panel discussion and a question and answer period from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. The event is free, but registration is required.

Contact Clarke Fitzmaurice at cfitzmaurice@gscm.org to register or for more information. KNOW (KPMG’s Network of Women) and the Baltimore Sun are the event’s co-sponsors.

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Girl Scouts of Central Maryland has been serving girls in central Maryland for 45 years. With the help and commitment of 10,000 adult volunteers, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland provides programs to nearly 30,000 girl members. Through these activities, Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place.