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**Girl Scouts Celebrate 45 Years with Green Carpet Extravaganza**

**Baltimore**—On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland will celebrate its 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday with paparazzi, glitz and glam at its first Green Carpet Event, “*It’s Showtime!*” at Baltimore City’s CENTERSTAGE from 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The celebration will highlight key programs the council has offered to girls living in central Maryland over the past 45 years. Key among these programs is the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale. The first known Girl Scout cookie sale took place in Muskogee, Oklahoma, in December 1917, more than 80 years ago and only five years after Girl Scouts was founded. Today, the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program activity has become the nation’s premier economic literacy program for young girls, teaching them goal-setting, marketing, project implementation, money management and budgeting skills.

Many successful business women today say they got their start selling Girl Scout Cookies.

The Green Carpet Event will honor a Girl Scout from each of the council’s six demographic regions: Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties—who sells the most cookies during the pre-order phase of the Girl Scout Cookie Sale. These girls will be honored as Cookie Stars at the event and will receive cookie statuettes.

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Local chefs including Brian Montz from Avanti Restaurant, Jessup; Adam Bowman of Wegmans Food Market, Hunt Valley; Nancy Longo of Pierpoint Restaurant, Baltimore City; Denise McKissock of My Girlfriend's Kitchen, Baltimore City; and Kari Melen, the Fabulous Cheese Babe, Annapolis will be serving entrees made with delicious Girl Scout Cookies. Baltimore's own Ace of Cakes, Duff Goldman of Charm City Cakes, will be making a special cake in honor of the celebration.

The evening will also include two original performances: "Cookies" performed by Harford County Troop 1553—the top cookie-selling Girl Scout Troop in central Maryland for two consecutive years; and "A Daily Drama" a poignant one-act play by Girl Scout's Project Anti-Violence Education (P.A.V.E.) the Way Baltimore Peer Mentors. The event is open to the public and promises to be a big HIT!

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*Girl Scouts of the USA is the largest organization dedicated solely to girls. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland serves nearly 30,000 girls in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties. With the help of 10,000 adult volunteers, the Girl Scout leadership development program develops girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.*