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Girl Scouts' Membership Specialist's Community Service Recognized by Child First

Baltimore—Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Membership Specialist, Gail Cuffie was recently recognized by Child First for her outstanding contributions and work to help Baltimore City youth excel—in school and after school, at their annual *Show What You Know!* celebration. As a Girl Scout Membership Specialist Ms. Cuffie recruits girls in Baltimore City for membership in the nation's premier organization for girls— Girl Scouts. She also works to develop Girl Scout programs with community partners like Child First.

Child First works school-based staff to engage in cooperative partnerships and build powerful relationships with caring parents to change their communities as a team and to equip children to expand their learning opportunities. Child First maintains that the efforts to extend the learning environment will ultimately increase students' success in the regular school day.

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland provides programs and activities for nearly 7,000 girls in Baltimore City after school and during school. Through In-School programs like Reading Rocks, Science is Fun and Engineering Exploration Girl Scouts strives to get girls excited and engaged. In addition, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland implements its Project Anti-Violence Education (P.A.V.E.) program—a peer-led program that encourages teens to avoid the lures of drugs, alcohol and cigarette smoking abuse. The partnership between the two organizations serves to strengthen support for Baltimore City youth.

“GSCM is very lucky to have Gail on our team,” said CEO Traci Barnett. “She is a wonderful asset to the organization and most importantly, demonstrates excellent leadership skills to girls and the volunteers.”

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Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland serves 30,000 girls in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties providing programs and activities that allow them to Discover, Connect and Take Action.