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MARYLAND WOMEN'S HERITAGE CENTER FORMS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL MARYLAND

**This Collaboration Further Promotes and Celebrates Maryland Women and Girls of the
Past, Present, and Future**

*The Maryland Women's Heritage Center and the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Join Forces in
March 2009 for a Women's History Month Art Exhibition and Women's Leadership Forum*

BALTIMORE – The Maryland Women's Heritage Center announces a new partnership with the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland to further promote and celebrate Maryland women and girls of the past, present, and future.

The two organizations are planning many collaborative initiatives, such as joint events and Girl Scout badge programs, with the first combined activities taking place in March 2009 during Women's History Month. From Sunday, March 8 – Sunday, April 5, the Maryland Women's Heritage Center and the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland host a **Women's History Month art exhibition** at the World Trade Center in Baltimore (401 East Pratt Street) showcasing artwork by Maryland women artists and youth members of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. In addition, the Maryland Women's Heritage Center is co-sponsoring the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's third **Women's Leadership Forum** highlighting Maryland women artists who are leaders in their respective fields on Wednesday, March 11 at The Baltimore Sun (501 North Calvert Street).

According to Jill Moss Greenberg, Executive Director of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, "We are excited to partner with the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. This partnership is a natural match for us since the Maryland Women's Heritage Center will be located in central Maryland and we envision a vital, interactive center and gathering place that the various Girl Scout troops and other groups will be able to utilize. Furthermore, we anticipate that the Center will host seminars, leadership development, meetings and forums to address issues crucial to the lives of Maryland women and their families and communities, and are looking forward to developing these kinds of programs and activities with the Girl Scouts in the future."

"The history of Girl Scouting and women leaders within this organization spans over 90 years," said Traci A. Barnett, CEO of Girl Scouts of central Maryland. "We are thrilled to partner with the Maryland Women's Heritage Center to promote and educate the nearly 30,000 girls ages 5 -

17 that we serve throughout central Maryland in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties about the value of women's struggles and achievements. This partnership will help these girls and young women gain a better appreciation and understanding of the contributions of women past, present, and future.”

About the Maryland Women's Heritage Center:

The Maryland Women's Heritage Center was established to preserve the past, understand the present, and shape the future by recognizing, respecting, and transmitting the experiences and contributions of Maryland women of diverse backgrounds and from all regions of the state. The first effort of its kind in the nation, it provides a place to learn and teach about the contributions of Maryland women through the State's history, to develop leadership by girls and women, and to hold forums to address issues impacting on girls, women and their families. The Center is an outgrowth of the Maryland Women's History Project that began in 1981 as a collaborative venture between the Maryland Commission for Women and the Maryland State Department of Education. It will provide a home to the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame, which has inducted outstanding women since 1985, coordinated by the Women Legislators of Maryland and the Maryland Commission for Women. www.mdwomensheritagecenter.org

About the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland:

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. www.gscm.org

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