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GSCM Volunteer Named Local Hero by Bank of America

Baltimore—Carolyn McQuaige Howard, a Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (GSCM) volunteer, was named a Local Hero by Bank of America. The Local Hero award—given to an individual who champions vital community causes, inspires others to get involved and has a significant impact on individuals, families or communities-- is part of Bank of America's commitment to neighborhood excellence. Ms. Howard was selected for her dedication and commitment to shaping and enriching young girls' and women's lives.

As a Girl Scout coordinator and leader at her church for the past 25 years, Ms. Howard has put her leadership skills to work in a variety of ways, including serving as a Council Delegate (for the GSUSA National Convention) and Gold Award committee member. As Troop Coordinator she organized a Junior Debutante Pageant—teaching girls etiquette and social skills and a Southern Black College Tour, each designed to prepare girls for their future endeavors. She was also a Girl Scout council spokesperson on WJZ's *On Time* and talked about the importance of mentoring and the positive impact the Girl Scout program has on young girls. Ms. Howard's commitment to the community is also reflected in her professional life. She has received numerous recognitions for providing information, counsel, and advice to families about adoption and foster care issues.

"We are thrilled that Bank of America selected Carolyn as a Local Hero," stated Traci A. Barnett, CEO of Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. "Carolyn is a committed volunteer who creates and participates in activities that broaden the horizons and experiences of her girls," she added. "We congratulate Carolyn for this honor and for her outstanding example of leadership."

The Local Hero award comes with a $5,000 gift that is donated to the honorees' non-profit organization of choice. Ms. Howard donated her gift to Girl Scouts of Central Maryland to help it continue its programs for Baltimore City Girl Scouts. # # #