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Girl Scouts Honor Women Leaders' Civic and Business Accomplishments

Baltimore—Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (GSCM) has selected Laura B. Black, Carmen Ortiz Larsen, Sharon R. Pinder, Paula R. Singer and Jenny J. Trostel as their 2009 Distinguished Women Award recipients. Each will be honored on Thursday, April 30 at Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's Distinguished Women's Award Reception, an annual networking event that raises funds for Girl Scouts' community outreach programs that include Beyond Bars, Bridge Beyond Bars, Project Anti-Violence Education (P.A.V.E.) and Girl Scouting at the Waxter Juvenile Detention Center.

Laura B. Black is a Baltimore area entrepreneur and community leader, Carmen Ortiz Larsen is Chief Executive Officer & Founder of AQUAS Inc., Sharon R. Pinder is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Pinder Group, LLC, Paula R. Singer is President and Chief Executive Officer of Laureate Online Education, and Jenny J. Trostel is Vice President of Anderson of Hunt Valley. In addition to being recognized for their professional and civic accomplishments, each honoree will spend a day with a "Shadow" Girl Scout allowing her to gain hands-on work experience as they observe the honoree during a typical day at work. "The shadow Girl Scouts come away with a new perspective on women's leadership and their own ability to lead," said Traci A. Barnett, CEO of GSCM. "We enjoy hearing them describe their experiences at the event," she added. The evening also includes a silent auction. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by contacting Ellen Lowe at elowe@gscm.org

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 who make the world a better place.