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Girl Scouts Excited About the Presidency, New Confidence and Change

Baltimore — Responding to local Girl Scouts’ enthusiasm and excitement about the Presidential campaign and upcoming inaugural ceremonies, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland will host a Presidential Inaugural celebration at their Seton Office headquarters on January 20th from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Girls will view the inaugural ceremony, review the Presidential Oath of Office and work on the Ms. President Patch—a patch developed in cooperation with the White House Project, whose mission is to advance women’s leadership in all communities and sectors, including the Office of the President, “by filling the leadership pipeline with a richly diverse, critical mass of women.”

According to a new study by the Girl Scout Research Institute, “The New Leadership Landscape: What Girls Say About Election 2008,” the majority of girls say the election has increased their confidence in being able to achieve their goals in the future; increased their comfort level in speaking up and expressing their opinions on issues that matter to them; and has boosted their confidence in their ability to change things in the country. The study also revealed that Girl Scouts are more likely than other girls (55% v. 35%) to think they have a high chance of becoming President. Council CEO, Traci A. Barnett remarked, “This presidential election and the two women who played key roles in it have inspired an entire generation of girls and will continue to do so for years to come.”

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland will also host two other advocacy related events: February 5, Girl Scouts Advocacy Day at the Seton Center headquarters from 6 pm – 7:30 pm and Maryland Girl Scouts Legislative Day in Annapolis on February 12, 8 am – 4 pm.

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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 to make the world a better place.