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Girl Scout Birthday Celebrated at Charlestown Retirement Community

Baltimore—March 12, 2009 will mark the 97th birthday of Girl Scouts of the USA. On that same day, a special Girl Scout Birthday celebration will take place at the Charlestown Retirement Community in Catonsville with some of its resident Girl Scout alumnae. “We are expecting 15 -20 of our residents—who are Girl Scout alums—to attend this birthday celebration,” reported Jeff Getek, Public Relations manager for the retirement community.

More than 2,200 people live at Charlestown, an Erickson full-service retirement community that promotes a vibrant lifestyle. The birthday celebration came from resident Anna Miller and her daughter, Girl Scout volunteer and Girl Scout archives committee member, Theresa Spliedt. The ladies have been asked to bring their favorite Girl Scout memories, songs and memorabilia to share and reminisce at the party.

Girl Scout founder, Juliette Gordon Low began the Girl Scout organization March 12, 1912 in Savannah, Georgia. The Pikesville Poppy Troop began meeting a year later in 1913. They were the first troop in the Baltimore area and the 11th Girl Scout troop in the United States. In 1914 Baltimore City got its first Girl Scout troop, the Pansy Patrol.

Girl Scouting has a long and rich history in Baltimore and the surrounding areas, notes Girl Scouts of Central Maryland CEO, Traci A. Barnett. Many of our girl members have Girl Scout lineage—their moms and their grandmothers were involved in scouting as Girl Scouts, leaders or other volunteers. We are proud that the tradition of Girl Scouting continues so strongly throughout central Maryland.

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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.

Headquartered near Baltimore, MD, Erickson has built an innovative network of 21 communities that combine a maintenance-free active lifestyle with an ever-expanding host of amenities, social activities, and wellness and medical centers, proven to improve physical and mental health. Erickson was named by FORTUNE as being one of the Top 100 “2009 Best Companies to Work For®.”

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