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### Thirty Howard County Girl Scouts Receive the Prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award

**Baltimore**—Thirty Girl Scouts from Howard County: Shana Allen; Margaret Andrew; Emily Bogdan; Kelsey Brand; Melissa Bunner; Geneva Daigle; Leigh Ann Doyle; Jacqueline Evans; Cara Fisher; Jena Frick; Kirsten Fry; Chelsea Green; Jenna Hill; Jessica James; Sarah Lewis; Katherine Lisiewski; Madeline Matotek; Amy McNeil; Meredith Mill; Meredith Nichols; Megan O'Connor; Karen Qualls; Julia Santamaria; Christina Schappell; Brittany Shaw; Laura Shoemaker; Julianna Walsh; Rebecca Weisenhoff and Laura Whitney are among the 95 Girl Scouts who will receive their Girl Scout Gold Award during a ceremony on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at the Richland Ballroom in Edgewater, MD. Attorney Sheela Murthy, Esq. of the renowned Murthy Law Firm will be the keynote speaker.

The Gold Award is a national award that is granted to Girl Scouts who have fulfilled the rigid national standards criteria which scrutinize the time, leadership skills, creativity and effort used to bring their Gold Award community service project to fruition. The Girl Scout Gold Award is more than a good service project; it embodies the very essence of the Girl Scout mission—to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place through a sustainable project that fulfills a need locally, nationally or globally. For many girls the experiences learned, before, during and after the project, build a connection that fosters a sense of community and commitment that serves as the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship. To date the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland council has pinned 1,007 Girl Scouts with this coveted award. Nationally, only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn this award.

“We are proud of the values and practical skills these girls have demonstrated through the successful completion of their Gold Award projects,” said Traci A. Barnett, CEO of the central Maryland council. “Each of these 95 girls exemplifies what Girl Scouting is really all about.”

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*Girl Scouts of the USA 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 with the help of 10,000 adult volunteers in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties.*