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94 Girl Scouts Receive Prestigious Gold Award for Outstanding Community Service

Baltimore--On Sunday, April 10, 2011 from 2pm – 4 pm, 94 central Maryland Girl Scouts will receive the highest award in Girl Scouting—the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award—during a pinning ceremony and luncheon at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood, MD. Keynote speaker for the event is Christine Newman, Assistant Dean for Engineering Education Outreach at Johns Hopkins University's Whiting School.

The Girl Scout Gold Award recognizes the work of Girl Scouts who have put Girl Scout values into action. Nationally, only 6% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn this esteemed award. To date, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland has proudly pinned 1,102 girls with the Girl Scout Gold Award. Among the projects being awarded are: Suitcases for Foster Children; Hospital Gowns for Children in Haiti; Science Explorers: Science for Inner-City Baltimore Children; Books on CDs for Seniors; Afghans for Afghanistan; Teens Together Support Group; Restoration of the Edgar Allan Poe House; and, Vamos a Limpiar los Dientes. To hear some of the 2011 Girl Scout Gold Award recipients talk about their projects visit: blog.gscm.org.

Girl Scout Values in Action

The Gold Award project demonstrates the skills—organizational, leadership, project management, goal setting and networking—these high school-aged girls have acquired during

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their years in Girl Scouting, culminating in a sustainable project that makes an impact in their community or the world. As inductees of this celebrated society of accomplished Girl Scouts they perpetuate the legacy founder Juliette Low began when she prepared the first troop of Girl Scouts for active citizenship so that they could become leaders outside of the home. The first Girl Scout Gold Awards were conferred in 1980 having evolved from a long line of special Girl Scout awards going back as far as 1919.

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Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland provides a myriad of programs and activities for nearly 29,000 girls in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties. These experiences encourage girls to discover their potential, connect with others in their communities who inspire them to take action to make the world a better place.