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GIRL SCOUTS MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE DURING 95TH ANNIVERSARY, MARCH 11-17

(St. Paul, Minn.) Girl Scouts is the pre-eminent organization for girls in the world, with more than 3.6 million members, and still growing. On March 11 – 17, they celebrate 95 years of Girl Scouting during Girl Scouts Make the World a Better Place Week, demonstrating the organization’s timeless values of courage, confidence, and character by engaging in community service projects.

“The success of Girl Scouting is no accident,” said Kathleen H. Corley, chief executive officer of the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley. “When Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts in 1912, she understood that girls need leadership skills to develop their full individual potential. The Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley is proud to be part in the world’s best leadership experience for girls.”

Locally, a handful of notable former Girls Scouts include Heidemarie Stephanyshyn-Piper, who flew the space shuttle in September; Ellen Anderson, Minnesota state senator; Betty McCollom, U.S. representative; and Joan Anderson Gowe, former Minnesota secretary of state.

Over the last year, members of the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley participated in an estimated 200,000 hours of community service. This includes members like the Brownie Girl Scouts in Troop 2832 in Apple Valley who, while working on their Animal Try-It badge, collected supplies to support the animal rescue group, Last Hope, Inc. On Sunday, March 18, from 12:15 – 7 p.m., the girls will host a special Last Hope pet adoption and education day at the Apple Valley Community Center, 14603 Hayes Road, Apple Valley.

Other Girl Scouts help to make the world a better place by collecting food donations for local shelters, making blankets for hospital emergency rooms, saving their allowance to purchase children’s books for nature centers, and so much more.

“We are so very proud of all our Girl Scouts. They are sisters to everyone, everywhere” said Corley. “Their values are based on Juliette Gordon Low’s earliest

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Girl Scout principles and reinforced through Girl Scout programs that help every girl, everywhere develop to her full individual potential.”

Girl Scout programs teach girls how to relate to others with increased understanding, skill, and respect; how to develop values to guide sound decision making; and how to contribute to the improvement of society.

Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley anniversary events

The Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley celebrates Girl Scouts Make the World a Better Place Week with a Smart Cookie event at St. Paul’s renowned University Club, 420 Summit Avenue, on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 5 p.m. Alumnae and friends of Girl Scouts are invited to this free event to learn more about girls and volunteers within our council, and to celebrate the inspiring effect that Girl Scouts has had on the lives of thousands of women. To help make the world a better place, guests are encouraged to contribute to the Quarters for Kids campaign, benefiting Feed My Starving Children. For more information, contact Ann Taylor at ataylor@girlscoutscv.org, 651-251-1237 or 1-800-845-0787.

About the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley

In partnership with 7,100 adult volunteers, the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley helps more than 17,000 girls grow strong in 11 counties of eastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Girl Scouts is the world’s preeminent organization for girls, building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Editor’s note: There are 1,800 troops/groups within the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley. Contact the council office for information about community service projects taking place in your community.