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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Community Leaders Honored at Eighth Annual  
 Women of Distinction Awards Dinner**

**Mechanicsville, Virginia** –Girl Scout Commonwealth Council is pleased to announce the 2008 Women of Distinction honorees. Since its inception seven (7) years ago, 37 women have received this honor. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony celebrates their outstanding accomplishments, endeavors and selfless service as role models in helping girls develop into successful and confident young women. These women embody the Girl Scout ideals of courage, confidence and character within the Rappahannock Community. The new honorees will be honored on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 5:30 pm in the Jepson Alumni Executive Center at the University of Mary Washington.

The 2008 Women of Distinction honorees are:

**Business**

*Lucy G. Harman*  
 President & C.E.O  
 P.C. Goodloe & Son, Inc. and Goodloe Asphalt L.C.

**Culture & Communications**

*Dr. Patricia P. Norwood*  
 Professor Emerita, Department of Music  
 University of Mary Washington  
*(honored posthumously)*

**Human Services**

*Gail Perkins, R.N., SANE-A*  
 Manager, Forensic Services  
 Mary Washington Hospital  
 Founder, Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center

**Health & Science**

*Tzawe Wang*  
 Systems Engineer  
 Naval Surface Warfare Center

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## **Community Service**

*Susan Garnett-Spears*

Executive Director, Programs & Community Development  
Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce

## **Government, Law & Politics**

*La Bravia J. Jenkins*

Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney  
City of Fredericksburg

## **Education**

*Trudy M. Smith*

Director, Fredericksburg Regional Head Start  
Fredericksburg City Public Schools

## **Lifetime Achievement Award**

*Shirley C. Heim*

Retired Educator and Administrator  
Fredericksburg City and Stafford County Public Schools  
Founder and First Director, Virginia Governor's School

Tickets for the event are available for purchase; contact Jenay Jackson, Special Events Manager at (804) 764-3341 or [jjackson@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:jjackson@comgirlscouts.org). Proceeds from the event will benefit the new Girl Scout Leadership Development Program.

This fall will mark the beginning of a new Girl Scout Leadership Development program based on three keys to girl leadership: discover, connect and take action. The new Girl Scout Leadership Development program will allow girls to expand their leadership abilities and to continue to make the world a better place.

Founded in 1913, Girl Scout Commonwealth Council services over 18,000 girls in 30 counties and the six cities of Richmond, Petersburg, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Emporia and Fredericksburg. This year will mark the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the council. For more information about this and other Girl Scout programs visit [www.comgirlscouts.org](http://www.comgirlscouts.org).

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