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Girl Scouts to Celebrate Girl Scout Week

Mechanicsville, Virginia- "Come right over! I've got something for the girls of Savannah, all America, and all the world, and we're going to start it tonight," words spoken by Juliette Gordon Low, signaling the beginning of Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). Juliette Gordon Low was spurred on by her belief that girls could do anything and achieve great things.

With celebrations starting on Sunday, March 9th and running through Saturday, March 15th, Girl Scouts across the country will celebrate GSUSA's 96th anniversary, paying particular attention to March 12 the official Girl Scout Birthday. Closer to home, more than 18,000 Girl Scouts served by the council in central Virginia will not only celebrate the national Girl Scout anniversary, but begin preparations to celebrate the 95th anniversary of Girl Scout Commonwealth Council (GSCC) with an extravaganza at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in October.

On March 11th Girl Scouts will be visiting the City Council meetings of Hopewell and Fredericksburg to have the week of March 9th officially proclaimed Girl Scout week by the respective cities Mayor and Council.

Starting with just 18 members in 1912, Girl Scouts has grown to more than 3 million members with representation from every American zip code, including urban and rural areas, border towns, juvenile detentions centers and, now, prisons with incarcerated mothers. The impact of Girl Scouts of the USA truly makes it the world's premier organization for girls.

Nationally, 50 million women have benefited from the Girl Scout experience. In spite of all the changes that have occurred in our world the mission of Girl Scouting remains the same.

GSCC was organized in 1913 with troop #1 in Highland Springs, outside of Richmond. Troops from the Fredericksburg area became part of GSCC in 1963. The council serves 18,000 girls in 30 counties and the cities of Colonial Heights, Emporia, Fredericksburg, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Richmond.

Ranging from community events to small troop gatherings, girls will be showing their appreciation to Juliette Gordon Low. Girl Scouts have engaged in a number of activities that demonstrate Girl Scouting's program platforms, lead, discover, and take action. Girl Scouts have provided food clothing to shelters in their community, sent cookies to troops in Iraq, participated in community events and activities and so much more. All of which teach girl valuable lessons to make them better citizens and future leaders.

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