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GIRL SCOUTS RECEIVES GENEROUS GIFT OF \$1.7M

Pam Lund, Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho announced today that a generous gift of \$1.7M was received from Ed Schweitzer, SEL founder and President, and his wife Beatriz Schweitzer in Pullman, WA. The generous donation will fund the building of a new lodge facility at Camp Four Echoes. “This will be a true partnership with the Schweitzer’s and Girl Scouts!” states Lund. “The lodge will provide a dynamic resource that will promote engaging in experiences that will enrich the learning process for girls of all ages.” expressed Ed and Beatriz Schweitzer. “We are so excited to be part of the growth and success of many girls!”

For 70 years the current Girl Scouts Camp Four Echoes lodge, located on Lake Coeur d’ Alene, has been serving girls, ages 5 to 17. The lodge was originally built by the Spokane Central Lions Club in 1940 and has had multiple additions in order to continue serving the increasing volume of girls enrolled in Girl Scout camp activities. Camp Four Echoes is a destination campground for Girl Scouts both nationally and internationally.

In addition, the gift supports Girl Scout programs in science, technology, engineering and math to provide young women a lens to see what careers might be available to them in the future. Pam Lund, CEO states “The generosity of the Schweitzer’s gift will make our Girl Scout program vision a reality for girls in every community, large and small, throughout Eastern Washington and the Panhandle of North Idaho,” Lund explains. “Girls will have the ability to embrace math and science in an experiential learning environment with dedicated adult mentors to include Girl Scout leaders, trainers and community subject matter experts.”

Girl Scouts Eastern Washington & Northern Idaho Board of Directors embraced a campaign in October 2009 to advance 1) a new program framework to include science, technology, engineering and math; career pathways; and advocacy, 2) rebuilding the lodge at Camp Four Echoes, and 3) financial sustainability. Girl Scouts has received extraordinary support from new and long time volunteers and donors who are advocating on behalf of the Girl Scouts to heighten awareness of the good work Girl Scouts.

Currently, Girl Scouts serves approximately 8000 girl members and over 2600 adult volunteers annually. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. For more information about Girl Scouting please visit www.gsewni.org or call 800-827-9478.

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