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**Girl Scouts Receives $10,000 Outcomes and Program Evaluation Program Grant**
***Program Funded by Inland Northwest Community Foundation***

**(Spokane, Wash−July 12, 2012):** Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho has received $10,000 in funding from the 2012 Community Strategies grant program from Inland Northwest Community Foundation (INWCF) to help support an Outcomes and Program Evaluation project.

GSEWNI was selected as one of 11 partner councils to participate in the Outcomes project through Girls Scouts USA. As part of the project, the council staff will be trained and mentored in the use of the national program evaluation system. This two year project entails training, monthly meetings, evaluation design and implementation and the participation in a nationwide study regarding outdoor programming and the impact on leadership development in girls.

"This project provides valuable information about the girls that are utilizing our programs and services and the impact these (GSEWNI's) programs have in our communities," said Stacie Davis, GSEWNI grant manager. "The INWCF funding reinforces the importance of this work and the value we will be able to share with other youth serving organizations in the future."

The Outcomes and Program Evaluation project grant will provide local data to support the importance of after school programming that is not purely academic in nature. That data will solidify the place and need for youth-serving organizations within our community. With the data and information grained in this project, Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho (GSEWNI) will be better equipped to assess and move forward in partnership with other youth serving organizations to provided premier program opportunities for girls.

GSEWNI will partner with the nationally-acclaimed Girl Scout Research Institute (GSUSA) providing the guidance, mentoring and training necessary to create sound research and evaluation practices. As the largest organization serving girls in central and eastern Washington and northern Idaho, this project fills a gap within the realm of evaluation and will provide data to continue developing excellent leadership programs for girls.

***About Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho***
This is the Centennial year for Girls Scouts and Girl Scouts USA has declared 2012 the *Year of the Girl,* with Centennial celebrations and campaigns held in our council region throughout the year. Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho serves nearly 8,000 girls and 2,600 adult volunteers in a region encompassing 67,000 miles that includes 20 counties in central and eastern Washington and 10 counties in northern Idaho. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho is committed to discovering, celebrating and fostering the leader in every

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