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Girl Scouts Make A Difference in Young Lives Innovative Pilot Program at Northpointe Provides Opportunity

At a time when many in Long Beach are wondering what they can do to help Long Beach youth, the answer is volunteer. And an innovative new program provides that opportunity.

Discover Girl Scouts, an exciting new 12-week pilot program for girls ages 5 – 17, will begin on March 24 for residents at Northpointe, an affordable housing community in north Long Beach. In addition, the program will train residents and community members who are interested in becoming Girl Scout adult volunteers.

This unique program is a first-time ever collaboration of the Girl Scout Council of Greater Long Beach (GSCGLB), the City of Long Beach's Housing Services Bureau, and **Las Palmas Housing** is designed to reach girls in underserved neighborhoods.

All interested community members, you do not have to be a parent to care about youth, are invited to learn more about the opportunity to make a difference in young girls' lives, by attending the kick-off event on Saturday, March 24, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, at Northpointe, 5441 Paramount Boulevard, Long Beach.

The GSCGLB created this innovative twelve-week program to help girls ages 5 to 17 develop leadership skills, learn core Girl Scout values, and develop confidence in their own self-worth. Activities will be tied to specific outcomes such as: safety and making good decisions; valuing cultural diversity and individual uniqueness; educating and inspiring others; and making a difference through community service and action. Girls will earn age-appropriate Girl Scout badges upon completion of the program.

In addition, residents and community members interested in becoming Girl Scout adult volunteers will be provided with the training necessary to secure the sustainability of the program. Adult training will include: CPR/First Aid, troop financial management, public speaking, and Girl Scout traditions.

Invited speakers at the March 24 event include, members of the City Council and other key leaders in the community. Following the opening remarks, residents and community members will have the opportunity to learn about the Girl Scout movement through various resource and activity tables.

Upon completion of the program, girls residing at Northpointe will be invited to continue their Girl Scout experience by joining traditional Girl Scout troops led by the newly trained volunteers. *Discover Girl Scouts* is just one example of how community partners can collaborate to create exciting, meaningful opportunities for Long Beach youth.