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**Girl Scouts Financial Literacy Programs Enhanced in Tri-Cities**  
*Three Rivers Community Foundation Funds Economic and Financial Curriculum*

(Spokane, Wash.—February 2, 2012): Girl Scouts learn about financial literacy through activities and programs that each Girl Scout participates in throughout her journey. The Cookie Program is the largest financial literacy and leadership program in existence. A recent \$8,500 grant awarded to Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho from the Three Rivers Community Foundation is allowing 400 girls in grades 1 through 5 in the Tri-Cities an enhanced financial concepts and leadership forum.

The program, which began in January, extends skills to non-traditional Girl Scouts, with an emphasis on Hispanic and economically challenged girls, by offering an outreach program that stresses practical money management skills. The five week economics education and financial literacy program focuses on income, money management, spending and credit and overall financial knowledge.

The curriculum is being delivered by Sulema Pacheco-Granfield, GSEWNI Tri-Cities membership coordinator and Jennifer Monroe, GSEWNI Tri-Cities program outreach. The girls are receiving a comprehensive look at the elements involved in being fiscally responsible—from developing a budget/spending plan to saving, investing and analyzing career choices. The girls will receive two patches (Financial Literacy and Money Manager) upon successful completion of the five week program.

“The girls have challenging weekly goals and objectives,” said Pacheco-Granfield. “We’re focusing on the learning and attitudes toward money management and leadership characteristics. The interactive nature of the curriculum is really engaging the girls.”

GSEWNI serves 950 girls in the Tri-Cities through traditional programs. Another 400 girls in Benton and Franklin Counties are assisted annually during the school year through the community outreach program which provides membership dues assistance, program supplies, and bi-lingual staff for facilitating Girl Scout Program in areas where barriers of economics, language, transportation and volunteerism typically prevent girl participation. Additional funding support from Women Helping Women Tri-Cities contributed to the development and implementation of the curriculum.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho serves nearly 8,000 girls and 2,600 adult volunteers in a region encompassing 20 counties in central and eastern Washington and 10

counties in northern Idaho. For more information about the council and the many ways to be involved with GSEWNI visit [www.gsewni.org](http://www.gsewni.org).

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