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Girl Scouts to Host Community Centennial Leadership Luncheon in Yakima
June 27 event will highlight Girl Scout impact in Yakima

(Spokane, Wash−June 18, 2012): Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho will host a Centennial Community Leadership Luncheon in Yakima Wednesday, June 27, 2012. The lunch is an opportunity to bring community leaders, business owners, volunteers, alumni, supporters and Girl Scouts together to celebrate and recognize the amazing things Girl Scouts are doing in the Yakima Valley.

The Yakima Valley has more than 1,000 active Girl Scouts and more than 150 volunteers and alumni who are working with girls every day to help them discover their skills, connect with others and take action to create positive change in their community.

The third annual fundraising lunch will be held at noon, in the ballroom at the Red Lion Hotel-Yakima Center, 607 E. Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Wash. The emcee for the event will be Girl Scout alumna Claire Graham, the morning anchor and a reporter for KNDO-NBC Now. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Ashley Tercero, owner of Yakima Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Tercero opened the first privately owned pediatric dental practice in Yakima in 2008. She is a tireless advocate for oral health education and prevention programs and is the president of the Yakima Valley Dental Society. She will speak about how her pursuit to become a pediatric dentistry specialist took a great deal of courage, confidence and character.

Guests will also hear from three local girls about their Girl Scouting adventures and what Girl Scouts means to them. By taking action in their community, girls can identify community needs, educate and inspire others to act and feel empowered to make a difference in their community and the world.

"This lunch event is an opportunity for us to thank the community for their support and involvement with Girl Scouts, to honor the past 100 years of Girl Scouting legacy and to share what Girl Scouts are doing today," said Council CEO Pam Lund. "We invite guests to join us as we share how Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place."

This is an RSVP luncheon event. There is no cost to attend but the suggested donation is $100 per person as part of the Centennial "Honor a Girl" campaign to raise $100 for each of the 8,000 girls in the council region. Interested guests may contact Kristin Monasmith, events specialist at events@gsewni.org or call (800) 827-9478, ext. 204 by June 22 to reserve a seat or table of eight.

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 girl. Follow and "like" us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. For more information about the council and the many ways to be involved with Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho visit www.gsewni.org.

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