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GIRL SCOUTS TO PROVIDE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP PROGRAMMING IN CAMDEN COUNTY AS YOUTH AND FAMILY AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ is proud to announce the acceptance of the Camden County Department of Health and Human Services Programs for Children, Youth, and Families Award from the Camden County Board of Freeholders. This \$10,000 grant will be used to offer family friendly, community-based programming for Camden youth.

Funding from the Camden County Board of Freeholders will support the Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ's Healthy Relationships programming for 600 students at 8 local schools. This programming includes anti-bullying, self-esteem building, anti-stereotyping, and gender bias activities, which are used to grow healthy relationship building skills of Camden County girls. Through the Girl Scout leadership experience, girls will have new unique experiences focusing on improving their leadership skill set, building relationships that last a lifetime, and boosting self-confidence. "The Girl Scouts organization helps the leaders of tomorrow discover their talents and develop their strengths," said Camden County Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez. "I am honored to present them with this grant to further their work with the young women of Camden County." The Girl Scout leadership experience will be an optional, complementary program.

Girl Scouts of Central & Southern New Jersey and the Camden County Board of Freeholders share a similar vision, as both organizations align on the idea of providing youth with a positive, safe environment to grow, learn, and succeed. Through specialized programming, Girl Scouts focuses on building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place, while Camden County Board of Freeholders believes in advancing youth well-being through planned and intentional collaboration and concrete actions. Both organizations work to empower youth and unlock a child's greatest potential to become a safe, responsible, productive and caring member of their community.

Girl Scouts of Central & Southern New Jersey is always looking for opportunities to further the Girl Scout Mission and Movement - and this award will advance key program initiatives. Chief Mission Officer, Kimberly Bryson, states, "It is the mission of GSCSNJ to build girls of courage, confidence, and character while helping them facilitates healthy relationships. We are delighted to bring Girl Scouts healthy relationships workshops and the Girl Scout leadership experience to students of Camden County."

For over 100 years, Girl Scouting has provided local youth with skill-building and leadership opportunities - and will continue to carry out the Girl Scout Mission. For twenty-five years, the Camden County Board of Freeholders has made available funds to non-profit organizations to provide quality of life improvement to Camden County residents through Camden County Human Services Programs for Children, Youth and Families. If you are interested in joining Girl Scouts or participating in the Healthy Relationships programming, please visit www.gscsnj.org or call 856-795-1560 today!

About Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ, Inc.

GSCSNJ is the premier organization serving 19,000 girls in nine counties. GSCSNJ shapes leaders for tomorrow by empowering girls to take on bold challenges, discover their own passions and strengths, act with character, and engage fully in fun, relevant experiences that encourage friendships and build life-long skills. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to GSCSNJ, call (800) 582-7692 or visit <http://www.gscsnj.org/>. You can also connect with GSCSNJ on Facebook.com/GSCSNJ or Twitter @GSCSNJ.