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### **GIRL SCOUTS OF WESTERN NEW YORK TO RECEIVE GRANT FROM UNITED WAY OF SOUTHERN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY**

Buffalo, NY.....The United Way of Southern Chautauqua County will present the Girl Scouts of Western New York with a grant of \$22, 502 on July 1, 2011, which extends until June 30, 2012.

Funding will be divided between two programs: Girl Scout Leadership Experience and Girl Scout Camp Experience. Each program is designed to build girls of courage, confidence, and character.

Girl Scouts of Western New York guides girls along lifelong paths to lead with courage when they speak out on issues they care about and take active roles in their communities; lead with confidence when they make the most of their strengths and feel empowered to make a difference in their lives and beyond; and lead with character when they act with integrity and compassion, making decisions that promote the wellbeing of themselves and others, as they continue to make the world a better place.

It is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls and young women, serving over 20,000 girls and 9,000 adult volunteers across the GSWNY jurisdiction, including Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming counties. The council's administrative headquarters is located in Depew, N.Y. GSWNY program and service centers are located in Buffalo, Batavia, Jamestown, Lockport, and Rochester.

Founded in Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) strives to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Accordingly, GSUSA continues to be the leading authority on girls, with a membership of more than 3.7 million girls and adults. In November 2011, the organization will launch its' 100-years of service celebration.

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