



## News Release

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### ***TWELVE DEKALB COUNTY GIRLS EARN GIRL SCOUTING'S HIGHEST HONOR***

**ATLANTA, May 7, 2009** –Twelve young women from DeKalb County were among 81 Girl Scouts from Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc. who recently earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award girls can earn in Girl Scouting.

**Catherine Black** of Dunwoody, the daughter of Diane and William Black, collected discarded crayons from restaurants to melt down and create new crayons. She then donated the new crayons to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite and an orphanage in Brad, Romania. **Michelle Buckner** of Stone Mountain, the daughter of Joanne and Robert Buckner, created a program to help feed needy children on weekends and during school breaks. **Melissa Burns** of Dunwoody, the daughter of Dorothy and Peter Burns, created a program to teach Archibald Smith Plantation visitors about food preparation during the 19th century. **Morgan Coffey** of Dunwoody, the daughter of Alisa Coffey, created a supply kit to help victims of domestic violence. **Sanjanna Greenlund** of Stone Mountain, the daughter of Shruti and Kurt Greenlund, worked with Harmony Grove Preschool to integrate an outdoor classroom into their curriculum. **Mary Honeychurch** of Tucker, the daughter of Sallie and Steven Honeychurch, organized a summer music camp at a daycare for underprivileged children. **Jackie Linzer** of Decatur, the daughter of Claudine and Jeff Linzer, created a cost-savings, healthy eating cookbook for families who rely on food-stamps. **Sami Malik** of Dunwoody, the daughter of Beverly and Dale Malik, created a handbook for novice volunteers and riders at North Wind Equine Rescue and Blue Skies Riding Academy. **Kelly Parry** of Avondale Estates, the daughter of Maggie and Richard Parry, cleaned-up the courtyard at the Meadowbrook Nursing Home in Tucker. **Katherine Patton** of Dunwoody, the daughter of Joan and Neal Patton, helped an underprivileged school in Russellville, Ala., collect books for the library. **Elizabeth Sumpter** of Stone Mountain, the daughter of Janelle and Joseph Sumpter, hosted a Community Health Fair and Screening Day for residents of Stone Mountain and Lilburn. **Jessie Trawick** of Tucker, the daughter of Susan and Charles Trawick, organized and ran a middle school quiz bowl tournament at Chamblee Middle School.

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A girl who earns the Girl Scout Gold Award completes components that help her build skills in leadership, communication, time management, presentation, delegation, interpersonal relationships, responsibility and commitment. She explores and demonstrates setting short- and long-term goals, while developing her own self-potential and values. She then combines all of the skills that she has gained through this process to design, plan, implement and evaluate a 65-hour project that makes a significant difference in her community. This process takes three to four years to complete. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the equivalent to Boy Scouts of America's Eagle Scout rank.

**About Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc.**

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc. serves approximately 40,000 girls and over 17,700 adult members in 34 counties in the greater metropolitan Atlanta area, northwest Georgia and Polk County, TN. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. For more information on how to join, volunteer or donate to Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc. call (800) 771-4046, or visit [www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org](http://www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org).

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