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GIRLS IN GRADES 6-12 INVITED TO CHALLENGE THEMSELVES, CHANGE THE WORLD

Thanks to a generous grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland is offering Pemiscot County girls in grades 6-12 the opportunity to help make a difference in their community by joining a special Girl Scout group called "Challenge and Change."

"The goal of this program is to get girls involved as advocates for themselves and their peers," says CEO Jennifer M. Orban, "The girls will take action by planning youth services projects for their community." Projects could include movie or karaoke nights, holiday parties, and other activities. "It really depends on what the girls choose to do," says Orban.

Girls who are interested in joining this group may attend the next meeting on Monday, October 25 at 5:00 pm at Oasis Worship Center in Caruthersville. For more information, please contact contact Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland staff member Melody Hutchison at 877-312-4764 x1510 or mhutchison@girlscoutsmoheartland.org.

About the Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls in grades K-12. With 3.3 million girl and adult members worldwide, Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development. Today's Girl Scout Leadership Experience has evolved to fit a wide variety of interests of schedules. With six program pathways – events, series, camp, troops, travel, and virtual – girls have more options and more reasons to join than ever before. Through hands-on learning opportunities and a girl-led

decision-making process, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience empowers girls to discover a strong sense of self, connect with others in a changing world, and take action to help make the world a better place.

About Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland has a membership of approximately 16,000 girls and 6,000 adults across 68 counties in central and southern Missouri, southeast Kansas, and northeast Oklahoma. With the support of community partners, donors, and volunteers, we mentor and support girls as they develop crucial life skills and prepare to take the lead – today, tomorrow, and for the rest of their lives. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to Girl Scouts, call 877-312-4764 or visit us on the web at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org.

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