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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to introduce myself to all of you. I am Anna Maria Chávez, CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA. I am in the job of my dreams – having the opportunity each and every day to help girls reach their fullest potential.

When I was a girl growing up in Arizona, Girl Scouting helped me find my way. My parents and my faith set me on the right path, while Girl Scouting helped me expand my horizons and learn that anything is possible. Today, in this new position, I am living that dream.

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We have recently had a meeting with Bob McCarty, Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, and Sister Eileen the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. I want to share with you the commitments we have made to Bob and to Sister Eileen on behalf of our organization:

- We have committed to build stronger ties with all faith communities, including the Catholic Church.
- We have committed to honoring, to the best of our ability, the religious principles of all faith groups in the program resource material that we produce and to swiftly make changes when they are needed.
- We have committed to honest, transparent, and regular communication with the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and, through our local councils, to build strong relationships with all local dioceses throughout the country.

My faith, my family and Girl Scouting, helped me become who I am today. This is what I want for all girls. Guided by our fundamental principles, those of our faith partners and those of Girl Scouting, I am confident that together we can prepare our youth for the future.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Anna Maria Chávez
Chief Executive Officer