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Kitty Poulson named 2011 Girl Scout Lifetime Achievement Pearl Award Honoree

PENSACOLA, FL – The Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle (GSCFP) are pleased to announce Mrs. Kitty Poulson, of Ft. Walton Beach, as the 2011 Girl Scout Lifetime Achievement Pearl Award Honoree. The annual Women of Distinction Gala honors women from across the Florida Panhandle who have distinguished themselves through service in leadership in their respective communities.

“As an adult, I felt that Girl Scouting fit the way I wanted to live my life, and have continued working with troops through many years and in many places,” said Poulson. “I even ran my household of 6 children using a Kaper Chart (a traditional Girl Scout tool) for the fair distribution of jobs.”

Poulson has been very instrumental in the Girl Scout movement as a girl and adult in the greater Pensacola and Ft. Walton Beach area. She was an integral part of the council’s day camp in Fort Walton Beach, serving as a unit leader, canoe instructor, and swimming instructor.

“Girl Scouting has always encouraged its members to develop their skills and leadership ability to help others. The girls of today have more avenues than ever to help them learn about community needs, and I find them very committed to learning ways they can help others through leadership and service,” said Poulson. “Each girl has her own particular area of interest and abilities, and helping her focus on community needs within that area is a challenge that we all

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face. As adults I feel we need to encourage and support each girl to use her talents and abilities to improve community needs and grow as a leader in her community.”

Poulson is still active with a Girl Scout troop today.

“Mrs. Kitty Poulson, shows how powerful and relevant the Girl Scout movement has been and still is for girls,” said Raslean M. Allen, CEO of GSCFP. “With dedicated volunteers like Kitty, they will ensure that the next 100 years are just as strong as the 100 years behind us.”

The 2011 Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon is taking place September 29th at The New World Landing, 600 South Palafox St, Pensacola, FL at 11 a.m. For sponsorship or ticket information please contact Michelle E. Kyser Chief Development Officer, at 888-624-3951 or ekyser@gscfp.org.

Girl Scouts are celebrating 100 Years of Girl Scouting on March 12, 2012. The Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle invites girls from kindergarten to twelfth grade, to join the adventure and empower themselves through courage, confidence and character, to make the world a better place. Currently, the council serves 6, 024 girls and 1,980 volunteers across 19 counties of the Florida Panhandle. To volunteer or join Girl Scouts, contact the local council office at 1-888-271-8778 or visit www.gscfp.org. Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle is a United Way Agency.

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