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Robin Heller named 2011 Emerging Woman of Distinction Honoree

PENSACOLA, FL – The Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle (GSCFP) are pleased to announce Ms. Robin Heller, co-founder, treasurer and head coach of SEASTARS Aquatics, is this year’s

Emerging Woman of Distinction. SEASTARS (Supporting Education and Athletic Skills through Amateur and Recreational Swimming), a 501(c)-(3) nonprofit organization, is dedicated to promoting the success and growth of children who are economically, physically and mentally challenged by providing individualized attention as a part of a structured competitive swim team.

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.

“Our goal is to empower kids to be successful in and out of the water,” said Heller, “These kids want to swim; everyone wants to be there and are committed.”

Heller’s commitment to community is strong as she continues to give numerous hours above and beyond the regular work day at SEASTARS. In addition to teaching her swimmers sportsmanship, meeting and exceeding goals and academics; each swimmer is required to donate a portion of his/her time each month to help others through community service activities.

“Ms. Robin Heller, has taken a sport close to her heart out into the community to provide opportunities for youth that they might now otherwise have,” said Raslean M. Allen, CEO of GSCFP. “Robin’s commitment to her students shows, as she teaches them valuable lessons like

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how to save their “swim points”, taking pride in themselves, and respect for the community and others.”

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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