

## MEDIA ALERT

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#### LA-Area Brownie Earns Rare Girl Scout Lifesaving Award

**Redondo Beach's Hannah Grace Aderholt, age 8, to receive Medal of Honor, June 1, in Downtown LA**

**WHAT:** Hannah Grace Aderholt, an 8-year-old Girl Scout from Redondo Beach, will soon receive the rare Girl Scout Medal of Honor for saving her older cousin during a boating excursion on Big Bear Lake. The two were on a raft being pulled by a boat, when the tow rope broke, knocking Hannah Grace's cousin Cate, 10, off of the raft and into choppy water. As Cate swiftly drifted from the raft, Hannah Grace, like a Girl Scout, immediately took action as the boat circled from 100 feet away and Cate continued to drift dangerously close to jet skis and other boats. Remaining calm, Hannah Grace called out instructions to Cate and then paddled to her, leaning over, and lifting her panicking cousin out of the water and onto the raft. Cate said that her "little cousin" saved her life. Recognizing her bravery, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles CEO Lise L. Luttgens will present Hannah Grace with the prestigious Girl Scout Medal of Honor on Wednesday, June 1 during a special pinning ceremony at the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles Headquarters in Downtown Los Angeles. "Hannah Grace performed a heroic act beyond the degree of maturity and training to be expected at her age," Luttgens said. "Girl Scouts are encouraged to be resourceful, skilled, and ready to help others—Hannah Grace's quick thinking and exceptional judgment is inspiring to us all." Hannah Grace said that she is both happy and amazed to be receiving the Medal of Honor, because she believes it's important to always help others. "It makes me feel really good to be a Girl Scout," she said.

#### WHO:

- **Girl Scouts officials**—including **Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles CEO Lise L. Luttgens**—and family members honoring **Brownie Girl Scout Hannah Grace Aderholt** with the Medal of Honor for saving her older cousin's life.

#### WHEN/WHERE:

- **Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 2:30–4 p.m.**  
**Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles Headquarters, Downtown LA**  
801 S. Grand Avenue, Ste. 300  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
**[Media must RSVP attendance at this small ceremony. Please contact Melanie Larsen, 626-677-2339 or mlarsen@girlscoutsla.org.](#)**

#### About Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, serves more than 40,000 girls in partnership with more than 24,000 volunteers throughout the diverse communities of Los Angeles County and parts of Kern, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. The council engages girls through programs in Leadership, Business and Financial Literacy, Outdoor Adventure, STE[A]M (science, technology, engineering, art, math), and Healthy Living. To join, volunteer, reconnect, or support, visit [www.girlscoutsla.org](http://www.girlscoutsla.org) or call 213-213-0123.