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Girl Scouts Focus on Goal-Setting and Financial Literacy During Fall Nut, Candy and Magazine Program

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana announces the launch of the 2010 Fall Product Program called "**Make It Count, Make It Matter, Make It Work, In Business for the Future.**" This skill-building, entrepreneurial program for girls runs Oct. 8 – 24. Available for purchase are a variety of packaged nuts and candy and magazine subscriptions.

This year girls will focus on two new features that promote environmental sustainability and community service. With "*Buy Three = Plant a Tree*," Girl Scout troops will have the opportunity to have a tree planted in their name by the non-profit organization Plant-It 2020. In addition, customers can show their patriotism by taking part in "*Subscriptions for Soldiers*," which helps members of the military receive reading materials to help boost morale.

Participation in the annual fall product program gives Girl Scouts the opportunity to build skills for success in the real world. Goal-setting, teamwork, organization, money management and public speaking are some of the skills that can be gained. Building self-confidence, responsibility, and leadership are key outcomes that girls can develop through their experiences.

Money earned through the program supports Girl Scouting locally. It enhances girl programs, provides financial assistance to girls, supports training and enrichment opportunities for adult volunteers, and helps offset the direct and indirect costs of property maintenance, insurance, and much more. For more information, visit www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org or call 815-723-3449, ext. 2215.

Delivery of ordered items will take place Nov. 12 – 24.

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana impacts the lives of nearly 95,000 girls and 24,000 adult members in 245 communities in six Illinois counties (Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kankakee, Lake, and Will) and four Indiana counties (Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter). Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

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