



Girl Scout to be Honored by Parma Mayor for Helping her Neighbor Neighbors lose home, family pets in a house fire

September 16, 2010 – Girl Scout Madelynn Stieglmeyer will be honored by Parma Mayor Dean DePiero on Monday, September 20, 2010 during the 7:00 P.M. Parma City Council Meeting.

Madelynn, her Girl Scout troop, and her family were instrumental in coordinating efforts to help her neighbor, Christine Ruic. Christine and her family lost their home to a house fire on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. They also lost their family pets. Madelynn, who had a troop meeting that evening, shared the tragic story with the other Girl Scouts. They spent the evening brainstorming ideas and decided the best way they could help was to give the family a donation of food. Madelynn also created the flyer, and she and her mother organized the benefit spaghetti dinner.

Madelynn, who is now in second grade, was a Girl Scout Daisy with Troop 1499 at the time. She has earned all of the petal badges for the Daisy level, and she also earned the Asthma Awareness Badge and the Ms. President badge.

Madelynn recently bridged over to a Brownie Girl Scout. As part of the Bridging requirements she has already earned the Girl Scout Ways Brownie Try-it and is working on completing four additional Try-it badges in her first month as a Brownie. (Try-its are Girl Scout insignia that are sewn onto an official uniform.)

Madelynn earned the Girl Scouts of North East Ohio 'Year of Service Award' during the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 membership years. Troop 1499 collectively has completed more than 2,000 community service hours in the past two years. Additionally, the troop was approved to earn President Obama's Volunteer Service Award during the 2010-2011 Girl Scout membership year. Each girl will be working toward a minimum of 50 volunteer service hours over the next 12 months.

The Girl Scouts of North East Ohio is the premier organization for leadership development for girls. GSNEO serves 40,000 girls and 15,000 adult volunteer members throughout an 18-county region in Northeast Ohio, including Medina, Portage, and Summit counties; Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake counties; Carroll, Stark and Tuscarawas counties; Ashtabula, Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties; Erie, Huron, Lorain, Sandusky and Seneca counties.

Since its founding in 1912, Girl Scouts has provided more than 50 million girls with time-honored programs that engage them with their communities; enhance self-esteem; increase financial literacy and interest in math, science and technology; encourage good health and nutrition and build leadership skills necessary for them to move confidently into their futures. Today, Girl Scouts is the #1 girl organization in the world, with 3.7 million members throughout the United States, including U.S. territories, and in more than 90 countries through USA Girl Scouts Overseas.

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