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Girl Scouts Use Annual Event to Raise Money for Haiti Relief Efforts

SACRAMENTO - 2/4/2010 - "Together we can change our world" is the action theme employed by 136 Girl Scouts ages 6 -18 years who will be raising money on Feb. 5, during their Girl Scout service area's World Thinking Day Event.

"Money raised during the event will not only help the relief efforts in Haiti but will also help Girls worldwide experience scouting through an organization called [WAGGGS](#), the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouting. Giant checks will be presented to WAGGGS and the Red Cross after the event," said Victoria, Girl Scout and Coordinator of the World Thinking Day event.

World thinking Day Event
Sutter Middle School Multipurpose room
(corner of Alhambra and J St.)
Friday, Feb. 5, 2010
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Dancing, food booths, skits and costumes will be part of the event, which will focus on celebrating the traditions, cultures and challenges of the five countries chosen as a focal point of this year's World Thinking Day.

What is World Thinking Day?

- An annual celebration where Girl Scouts learn about various countries around the world.
- Events are typically held to raise money for the chosen countries and for WAGGGS.
- Each year a theme is chosen and the girls focus on that theme when fundraising during their events.
- **This year's theme is, "together we can end extreme poverty and hunger."**
- These events are girl-run, meaning the Girl Scout organizes and coordinates the event.

The five Countries Chosen for 2010:

1. Haiti
2. Zimbabwe
3. Sudan
4. Georgia
5. Maldives

"World Thinking Day is Feb. 22 but we are having the event on Feb. 6 because the girls from our service area are busy this month selling Girl Scout Cookies," said Nancy Park, troop leader of troop 1551 and Girl Scout mom.



Victoria traveled to the WAGGGS World Centre in Switzerland and experienced the global connection firsthand, learning about challenges around the world as well as participating in outdoor activities with fellow Girls Scouts from Uganda, Slovenia, Japan, Alaska and Australia.

“I feel the experience impacted my life greatly, and by helping to organize the local Thinking Day event I believe I can give local girls a taste of the impacts of their global connection by focusing on the challenges these countries face,” said Victoria.

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is still the leading authority on girls’ healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. The local council, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California is headquartered in Rancho Cordova and serves nearly 29,000 girls in 18 counties* in Central California. For more information, visit www.girlscoutshcc.org.

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