

CITY OF PALMDALE

MEDIA ALERT

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PRESS CONFERENCE/PHOTO & INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: Anti-Bullying Workshop Press Conference

WHEN: Tuesday, July 21, 9:30 am

WHERE: City of Palmdale's Yucca Neighborhood House #1, 503 E. Avenue Q-3, Palmdale (corner of 5th St. East and Avenue Q-3).

WHO: Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford; Jo Barrera, a Senior Girls Scout in Troop 9022.

WHY: In pursuit of the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, Barrera has partnered with the City of Palmdale to host three anti-bullying workshops in Palmdale's Neighborhood Homes July 25 at Yucca House, Aug. 8 at Manzanita House, and Aug. 15 at Tumbleweed House. Times to be announced.

BACKGROUND: The anti-bullying workshops are free and open to the public and invite youth in grades 5–12 to learn about bullying and how to make changes in themselves, help others, and stop the ripple effects of bullying in their community. Adults are invited to a session led by Best Start, held simultaneously.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is a national award with significant standards that elevate a girl's leadership skills, creativity, value, and efforts to make the world a better place. Earning the Gold Award requires spending at least 80 hours planning and implementing a challenging, large-scale project that is innovative, engages others, and has a lasting impact on its targeted community. The prestigious award recognizes Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts—girls in ninth through 12th grades—for outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development.

Nationwide, only six percent of all eligible Girl Scouts achieve the Gold Award. Approximately one million Girl Scouts have earned their Gold Award or its equivalent since 1916. Girls who earn their Girl Scout Gold Award automatically enter the military one rank higher, and qualify for college scholarships, and additional national service awards.

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