ACLU of Georgia Holds Event for the Girl Scouts

ATLANTA, GEORGIA – A Georgia-based watchdog group of concerned parents, "Girl Scouts Why Not," is warning families about the political and immoral indoctrination taking place in the leadership levels of the Girl Scouts. The group has focused primarily on documenting the Girl Scouts' involvement with pro-abortion advocacy groups since their website was launched in May of 2010. "Girl Scouts Why Not" was stunned when they discovered that the ACLU of Georgia held an event for the Girl Scouts.

In June of 2012, the Girl Scouts partnered with the ACLU of Georgia for "Law and Order Day." "The Girl Scouts not only are working with the ACLU, but also are promoting the group in their own literature," said Rochelle Focaracci, spokesperson for "Girl Scouts Why Not."

The Girl Scouts handbook <u>Your Voice</u>, <u>Your World</u> encourages girls to consider a career as an ACLU lawyer on <u>page 98</u>. In this same handbook on <u>page 42</u>, Girl Scouts promotes Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and her organization, the ACLU, as a "voice for good."

"Girl Scouts Why Not" is concerned about the relationship the Girl Scouts have with the ACLU because of the ACLU's <u>promotion of abortion</u>, support of the <u>HHS mandate</u>, and effort to overturn Georgia's recently enacted Fetal Pain bill. Many pro-lifers are aware of the lawsuit the ACLU has filed, which has placed a hold on the <u>Fetal Pain bill signed</u> by the Governor of Georgia. If not for the ACLU, this law would have gone into effect on January 1st, 2013 and would have banned abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. Dan Becker, President of Georgia Right to Life, pointed out in an interview, when the ACLU challenged Georgia's recently passed fetal pain bill that "allowing abortions for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy has made Georgia the abortion-destination state of the country. This new law tells the world that Georgians will not allow pain-capable children to be subjected to practices that rival ancient torture techniques."

"As Catholics whose basic foundation is the sanctity of life, can we endorse the Girl Scouts nationally or locally when they continue to align themselves with organizations such as the ACLU, which directly attack the teachings of our Church? Are we complicit in the sins of scandal and omission by supporting the Girl Scout program in any way? Are we called to protect not only our family but all God's people?" asked Lisa Larsson, co-editor of "Girl Scouts Why Not."

"Girl Scouts Why Not" created a one page flyer titled, "How the Cookie Crumbles" in order to explain the problems they have found. "Although GSUSA claims they do 'not take a position or develop materials on these issues', we find their official statement and their actions do not correspond. We encourage concerned clergy and parents to go to our website www.girlscoutswhynot.com to see the facts for themselves," said Rochelle Focaracci. "We welcome scrutiny of our website. The substantial verifiable evidence we gathered contains GSUSA's own tax returns, documents, websites, television and radio interviews and handbooks that they market to our youth."

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