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## Harriet Dopkin Named A 2012 Distinguished Women Honoree by The Girl Scouts of Central Maryland

*Classic Catering President exemplifies distinguished character, leadership and excellence*

**BALTIMORE, Md.** (March 26, 2012) – The Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (GSCM) announced today that Harriet Dopkin, co-owner and president of The Classic Catering People in Owings Mills, has been recognized as a 2012 Distinguished Women Honoree. The Distinguished Women’s Program gives Girl Scouts the opportunity to observe and interact with dynamic women leaders in central Maryland. As part of the awards process, a high school Girl Scout will interview and shadow Dopkin. The formal awards reception, an annual philanthropic event, will be held at the Baltimore County Club in Roland Park on April 26, 2012.

“I am delighted and humbled to accept this award. This phenomenal program is a way for women in the community to set positive examples for girls by demonstrating the traits that each Girl Scout strives to achieve – excellence, character, and leadership,” said Dopkin. “I am proud to represent The Classic Catering People in this program that give girls the opportunity to interact with strong female leaders in Central Maryland.”

Food has always been in Dopkin’s genes. She has been a long time supporter of the American Institute of Wine and Food’s program, Days of Taste, which teaches children about the “farm to table” connection. She was also instrumental in initiating The Classic Catering People’s Cooking Camp Classic, a summer program that empowers children in the kitchen, expands their taste horizons and provides instruction on preparing international meals for themselves and their families.

The Classic Catering People continues to be an advocate in the community, supporting health and hunger initiatives, local hospitals, schools and civic groups. Harriet is a member of the Women’s Leadership Council and Tocqueville Society of The United Way of Central Maryland, the Regional Forum for United Way’s Healthy Initiative, International Association of Culinary Professionals, International Caterers Association, Slow Food, Women Chefs and Restaurateurs and Chefs Collaborative.

### **About The Classic Catering People**

A Baltimore company with more than 40 years of experience in the arenas of social and corporate catering, The Classic Catering People (TCCP) believes that a passion for food is at the base of every event. TCCP has an accomplished culinary team of inventive chefs that continually exceed the expectations of each client's palette with menus that present engaging flavors. For more information, visit [The Classic Catering People](#).

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