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**GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT TO BE HONORED
AT PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 1**

PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY

EDITORS:

Please join us at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 1, at Memorial Hospital, 615 N. Michigan St., South Bend, for a press conference to honor Girl Scout Gold Award recipient Margaret (Maggie) Sullivan of Granger. Park at the Lafayette Garage (Stork Level) and take the A elevator to the sixth floor. At the front desk, ask for Stephanie, the charge nurse, who will escort you to the NICU.

Maggie will describe her Gold Award project, which provided supplies for babies in the NICU. Maggie's project was inspired by her brother, Joe, who was born prematurely and spent time in the NICU. He is doing well now, but many families are not so lucky. Margaret created a way to make the bereavement process easier for families by organizing a cabinet and a cart in the unit with supplies. She also took the information that nurses use in the event of a death and condensed it into a binder and slideshow presentation, with the hope of creating efficiency for the staff and parents who lose a baby. Margaret volunteers at the hospital and plans to pursue a career in medicine.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts of the USA. Only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn the Gold Award. To learn more, visit www.gsnim.org.

About Girl Scouts® and Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana

Today, as when founded in 1912, Girl Scouts® helps cultivate values, social conscience and self-esteem in young girls, enabling them to succeed as leaders today and tomorrow. Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana provides leadership experiences for more than 6,000 girls ages 5-17. They are guided by more than 3,000 adult volunteers who mentor them and work behind-the-scenes to support Girl Scouts and our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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