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Inmates at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women and their Daughters to Create Posters Representing Body Diversity and Acceptance with Art Therapists

The Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt Brings “Love Your Tree” Workshop to Inmates and Daughters in collaboration with the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland’s Beyond Bars Program

WHAT: Representatives from The Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt will hold a special “Love Your Tree” workshop with inmates at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women and their daughters, who are involved in the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland’s *Beyond Bars* program. The “Love Your Tree” workshop challenges participants to create posters that confront society’s narrow ideals about beauty and educates participants on body diversity and acceptance.

Inmates at the facility will learn about positive body image and create posters with their daughters, who all participate in the *Girl Scouts Beyond Bars* program. The Program encourages leadership development for at-risk girls who are in some way affected by the judicial system – in this case, daughters of incarcerated women.

“Love Your Tree” is a body image campaign based on the work of Eve Ensler, author of the award winning play “The Good Body.” All works of art created as part of this workshop will be submitted to the 2009 “Love Your Tree” poster campaign, now in its fourth year. Each year, one poster from the campaign is selected for reproduction, and select works are displayed at Sheppard Pratt as part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009
11am-1pm

WHERE: The Maryland Correctional Institute for Women
7943 Brockbridge Road
Jessup, MD 20794

NOTES TO EDITORS:

- **MEDIA CREDENTIALING IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT.** For access to the facility and to arrange for a press pass, please contact Kathleen Shaffer at 410-902-5053 or kshaffer@mghus.com. Certain photo and interview opportunities may be limited due to confidentiality reasons. Please note that cell phones, tobacco, lighters, drugs and weapons are not allowed inside the facility.

About the Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt

The Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt, located in Towson, Md., offers a comprehensive continuum of treatment services for the patient with complex eating disorders, including anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating and compulsive overeating. The continuum includes inpatient, day hospital and intensive outpatient services, as well as ongoing outpatient treatment provided by the Center for Eating Disorders. The program is designed to respond to both the psychiatric and medical aspects of eating disorders, with a comprehensive array of mental health and consultative medical resources. For more information about the Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt, visit www.eatingdisorder.org or www.eatingdisorder.org/blog.

About the Girl Scouts Beyond Bars Program

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland originated the Girl Scouts Beyond Bars program in collaboration with the National Institute of Justice in 1992. The girls meet twice monthly at the Maryland Correctional Institute for Women in Jessup (for the Girl Scout Beyond Bars program) to hold troop meetings with their mothers. Mothers are also required to join Girl Scouts. The girls in the Girl Scouts Beyond Bars program range from Daisy Girl Scout to Senior Girl Scout Level, ages 5 – 17. Currently in its 16th year, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's award winning Beyond Bars program has been replicated in over 40 Girl Scout councils across the country. For more information, visit www.gscm.org/communityoutreach.html.

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