



News Release

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ATLANTA AREA GIRL SCOUT RECOGNIZED FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

ATLANTA, Feb. 18, 2009 — Girl Scout Ambassador Morgan Coffey, 17, of Atlanta, has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service while earning her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a girl member can earn, with a state-level Certificate of Excellence from the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. Morgan, who is a part of Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc., devoted over 500 hours towards creating a campaign against substance and violence abuse.

Morgan is the founding member of Stronghold Atlanta Youth Advisory Board, which is a board made up of 25 youth, ages 13-23, who are committed to making a difference in the lives of women and children who are victims of abuse. Together, the group holds clothing drives and fundraisers for area shelters and creates brochures with information to raise awareness on the topic of abuse.

In addition, Morgan started the project "Change in a Bag," which provides victims of abuse with a much needed change of clothing. These bags are given to police stations and the Division of Children and Family Services to provide to victims who are often rescued from abusive situations with only the clothes on their backs.

"Woman and children should not have to take abuse because they aren't strong enough to escape it," Morgan said in her application for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards application. "I want to empower them to make changes in their own lives, offering them a helping hand and a voice."

Morgan also received a President's Volunteer Service Award for the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation which recognizes Americans who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country and the Teen Volunteer of the Year Award from the National Association of Fundraising Professionals.

About the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc.

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc. serves approximately 40,000 girls and over 16,000 adult members in 34 counties in the Greater Metropolitan Atlanta area, northwest Georgia and Polk County, TN. Girl Scouting's mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. For more information on how to join, volunteer or donate to the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc. call 1-800-771-4046, or visit www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org.

About the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Presented annually by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people across America for outstanding community service activities. More than 250,000 young people across America have been considered for these awards since the program began in 1995.

About Stronghold Atlanta

Stronghold Atlanta is a non-profit based in North Atlanta that provides assistance to women and children who have been victims of abuse. For more information please see our website: www.strongholdatlanta.org.

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