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## **GIRL SCOUT JUNIOR SAVES TROOP LEADER'S CHILD, TO RECEIVE MEDAL OF HONOR, GIRL SCOUT LIFESAVING AWARD**

**ATLANTA, Dec. 4, 2009** — Girl Scout Junior, Dawn Tumillo, from Girl Scout troop 1687 in Dacula, Georgia, will receive the Medal of Honor – Girl Scout Lifesaving Award at a special ceremony on Monday, Dec. 7, 2009, at St. Mary and St. Martha's Episcopal Church in Hoschton, Georgia. Dawn will be recognized for a heroic response that saved a child from drowning. Jimmy Wilbanks, Mayor of Dacula will present the award.

According to several witnesses, Dawn played in a pool, aware of giggling from Gabriel Phelps, the 2½ year old son of a family friend, Stephanie Phelps. When Dawn noticed that Gabriel suddenly stopped giggling, she quickly swam to where she last saw him on the pool's steps. When she realized he was at the bottom of the pool, she quickly dove down and carried him back to the safety of his mother. Witnesses also said that Gabriel appeared frightened but was not injured and that his mother was very grateful for Dawn's quick reaction.

Dawn's reaction to the experience was one of humility and gratitude toward her parents who taught her how to respond to life-threatening situations.

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