

#### MEDIA ADVISORY/SPECIAL EVENT

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## CELEBRATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA WITH 92-YEAR-OLD TROOP LEADER

**LAGUNA HILLS, CA**—<u>Vintage Senior Living</u> at The Wellington, located in Laguna Hills, Calif., will honor the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA with resident Alice Wheaton, 92 sharing her inspiring stories as a scout, wearing her girl scout's uniform from 1930.

From brownies, at the age of 8 in 1928, to the Golden Eaglet and finally troop leader for her daughter, Wheaton believes scouting prepared her for life. Her experience parading with the civil war veterans, decorating rose parade floats, delivering May baskets to shut-ins and greeting dignitaries at the Burbank/Glendale airport earned her badges for every skill under the sun. However, her most exciting visitor was Amelia Earhart. "I was chosen to hand Amelia flowers as she strode into the waiting room, leaving her plane to be refueled for her flight over the pacific. She was beautiful... tall, thin and knockout in a silk shirt, jodhpurs, and riding boots," said Wheaton.

Now in retirement, Wheaton is grateful for the ability to still take on challenges and follow the Girl Scout mantra, "lend a hand" and volunteer. Not only is Wheaton a passionate member of the girl scouts' community, her family has three generations of girl scouts. Her mother designed the scout camp uniforms and led a troop for the junior high scouts. Wheaton took on the leadership role as the troop leader for Glendale scout troop 7 and Sherman Oaks, and daughter Katie is now a mariner scout.

#### WHEN:

Friday, March 9, 2012 at 2:30 pm

### WHERE:

Vintage Senior Living at The Wellington located at Moulton Parkway in Laguna Hills.

# PHOTO AND TELEVISION OPPORTUNITIES:

Wheaton will be wearing her Girl Scout's uniform from the 1930's alongside other former Girl Scout residents to commemorate Girl Scouts of the USA's 100 years of service. For reporters, this would be an excellent opportunity to interview Wheaton and the rest of the formal Girl Scout residents and listen to their historic and unique Girl Scout adventures.

#### **About Vintage Senior Living:**

Vintage Senior Living is a family of retirement communities. Established in 1998, Vintage Senior Living offers a vibrant senior living lifestyle specializing in independent senior living, assisted living and memory care services for Alzheimer's and other dementia. Its mission is to help residents thrive in mind, body and spirit through the dedication of its staff and the excellence of its programs. Vintage Senior Living operates a total of 23 communities with 22 throughout California in addition to its retirement community in Tacoma, Wash. For more information, visit www.vintagesenior.com, YouTube, Facebook or Twitter.

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