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Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan believes that decisions on sensitive issues such as birth control and abortion are best left to girls, their families and their religious advisors.

GSHOM does not take a position on these issues. Our membership is a cross-section of the state of Michigan, and holds many different opinions on social issues and practices.

Misinformation about Girl Scouts has been sent around the Internet over the last several years. That information is either (1) false, (2) unfairly edited to imply "guilt by association" or (3) grossly exaggerated to create the appearance of a relationship that does not exist with Planned Parenthood.

Just because something is on the Internet does not make it true!

Here are the facts:

A boycott of Girl Scout Cookies would cause harm to local girls who rely on proceeds from the sale to carry out their goals. The girls themselves decide how to use their proceeds from the cookie sale. We trust our girls to make wise decisions.

100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of Girl Scout Cookies stay within our council, to support local Girl Scouts and volunteers. No money from the sale goes to Girl Scouts of the USA or any other organization.

Despite all of the concern about the live television interview of the past national CEO more than seven years ago in 2004, Girl Scouts does not have a relationship with Planned Parenthood.

More recently, as Girl Scouts of the USA launched their Year of the Girl ToGetHerThere campaign in Washington, DC with the bipartisan support of our nation's leaders, CNSNews.com used the occasion to advance its own agenda. Following the launch event, a journalist asked House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi a question unrelated to the event. The question included an assertion the journalist knew to be untrue, but chose to articulate in order to produce the story she wanted. Congresswoman Pelosi's generic response was not a definitive statement regarding Girl Scouts. The journalist asked a leading question with a clear intent to produce a quote that would spread false information. Girl Scouts does not and will not have a partnership with Planned Parenthood.

Be assured that Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan teaches girls to make decisions with the guidance of their own families and religious advisors. Parents have control over what their daughters are learning in Girl Scouts.

Any discussion of sensitive issues at a Girl Scout meeting or program must be approved by parents. Our GSHOM sensitive issues policy requires that parents give prior permission, in writing.

Again, GSHOM and GSUSA have no position on such sensitive issues and encourages girls to make decisions with the guidance of family members and religious advisors.

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