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JANUARY IS SANCTITY OF LIFE MONTH

AHG teaches girls the value of human life through its powerful Respect Life Patch and outreach programs

'Our commitment to the sanctity of life goes beyond words; it is embodied in our actions,' says **Patti Garibay**

CINCINNATI, Ohio — As modern culture continues to push its unbiblical agenda and teach children to devalue human life, many Christian parents are concerned about what their children are learning. The <u>majority</u> of young Americans believe that abortion should be legal in most or all situations. While <u>the overturning of *Roe*</u> <u>v. Wade</u> was a huge leap toward protecting the lives of the preborn in America, it certainly wasn't the last step toward restoring the recognition of the sanctity of life in the nation. Modern society teaches children that life is easily disposable, but the Bible makes it clear: life begins at conception and is worth protecting.

American Heritage Girls (AHG, <u>www.americanheritagegirls.org</u>), one of the world's largest Christian, scouttype organizations, is proud to teach girls about the value of human life through unique, Christ-centered programming. In a culture so determined to corrupt girls with amorality, AHG has been a beacon of biblical values for nearly 30 years.

"'I promise to love God, cherish my family, honor my country, and serve in my community.' This is the Oath that an American Heritage Girl recites at each Troop meeting and ceremony and has done so since our very beginning in 1995," wrote AHG Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay in <u>her latest op-ed</u>. "These words, over time, become engraved on a girl's heart and mind. AHG believes that each life is truly a gift from God and has an immense innate worth. After all, we are created in the image of our Creator! 'So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them' (<u>Genesis 1:27, NIV</u>).

"From the moment of conception until natural death, each human life is sacred, and it is our duty as believers to safeguard and celebrate this gift from our Creator. Only God, the ultimate Giver of Life, possesses the authority to determine the course and duration of our existence. God is the giver of life and as a result, human life is precious. This primary tenet of the Christian faith is celebrated by American Heritage Girls. God has created each of us uniquely on purpose for a purpose. We are created to fulfill God's unique purpose for our individual lives."

One offering from *AHG* is their most requested patch, the Respect Life Patch, which encourages girls to learn more about the sanctity of human life by participating in an event that brings attention to respecting life or by

providing a service project for an organization whose mission/purpose demonstrates a desire to respect life, such as pregnancy resource centers, pro-life groups and hospices.

"Our commitment to the sanctity of life goes beyond words; it is embodied in our actions. We celebrate life through service to pregnancy care centers and nursing homes. We stand for life through completing service projects and attending pro-life marches. We honor life through compassion, friendship and prayer. And we glorify the Giver of Life through humble submission to His Truths as found in His Holy Word," concluded Garibay.

Tune in to this week's <u>Raising Godly Girls (RGG) podcast</u> and "Raising Godly Girls" one-minute <u>radio feature</u> to learn more about AHG's commitment to Sanctity of Human Life Month and their Respect Life patch program for girls.

To read more from *Patti Garibay, see her latest op-ed in The Christian Post* about the sanctity of human life, <u>click here</u>.

American Heritage Girls was founded in 1995 by a group of parents who wanted this faith-based, scout-type character development program for their daughters. At *AHG*, girls ages five to 18 meet together as <u>a single</u> Troop at the same time and then break out into Units by Levels. This gives *AHG* girls the important social experience of interacting with friends and godly mentors of various ages; members also learn leadership skills within a group setting. *AHG* Troops are located in <u>local communities</u> across the nation. If none exists in a given area, families can bring the *AHG* Program to their own area. An *American Heritage Girls* Troop Development Coach is available to provide resources to potential Charter Organizations and other families to form <u>a new</u> Troop. To hear more about the purpose, mission, and vision of *AHG* from *Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay*, click here.

Today, there are <u>Troops</u> in all 50 states and girls being served in 15 countries around the globe. Girls can join a Troop at any time; if a Troop is not available nearby, they can become a <u>Trailblazer</u> and enjoy the *AHG* program alongside their parent. A variety of Christian denominations are also represented as <u>Charter</u> <u>Organizations</u> for Troops. Thousands of volunteer members across the country are helping girls grow in their faith, cultivate a heart for service, enjoy the great outdoors, and have more fun than they can imagine.

AHG offers various resources under <u>*"Raising Godly Girls,"*</u> including a weekly podcast, one-minute radio features, a blog, and guides for parents. All *"Raising Godly Girls"* platforms and materials offer guidance and biblically-based advice on various topics affecting girls today, such as bullying, identity, anxiety, and body image issues. *"Raising Godly Girls"* provides parents, educators, and faith community leaders with tools, resources, and Scripture-based advice to help raise girls after God's own heart.

AHG's new podcast, <u>"Raising Godly Girls,"</u> features fresh episodes every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday and can be accessed through all major podcast platforms and is available at <u>raisinggodlygirls.com</u>. Additionally, the <u>"Raising Godly Girls Minute" with Patti Garibay</u> airs on 1000+ Christian radio stations across the country.

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To inquire about airing the <u>*"Raising Godly Girls Minute" with Patti Garibay*, contact Michael Hamilton, 610.584.1096, ext. 101.</u>