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## American Heritage Girls Founder Patti Garibay: Teaching patriotism goes far beyond pledges and parade flags

CINCINNATI, Ohio — On her national radio program "Raising Godly Girls," Founder and Executive Director of American Heritage Girls (AHG, www.americanheritagegirls.org) Patti Garibay, is urging parents to teach their girls about American history; informing them on how the country was founded by leaders with a strong faith in God.

Garibay <u>said</u>, "Our country was founded by those with great trust in God. Leaving home for a new land full of promise, America became a place of opportunity for all.

"Teaching our girls patriotism goes far beyond memorizing the Pledge or waving small flags at holiday parades. Our American history is a human history. One full of success and strife, triumphs and mistakes, tremendous love and tremendous cruelty. To love our great nation is to know its history, believe in its goodness, and pray for its future.

"Talk about what your daughter is learning about American history, and help her identify the ways that God has moved here. Honor those who sacrifice for our freedom, pray for our leaders, and sing the words of a familiar tune: 'God bless America, land that I love!'"

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 a single 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 local communities 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 a new 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 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 "Raising Godly Girls," 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, "Raising Godly Girls," features fresh episodes every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Subscribe and follow on any major podcast platform or visit raisinggodlygirls.com. Additionally, the "Raising Godly Girls Minute" with Patti Garibay airs on 1000+ Christian radio stations across the country.

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To schedule interviews with *Patti Garibay*, founder and executive director of American Heritage Girls, contact Media@HamiltonStrategies.com, Beth Bogucki, 610.584.1096 ext. 105, or Jeff Tolson, ext. 108.

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