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## AHG encourages creativity through Bible-based, inspirational programming and resources

AHG Founder Patti Garibay: 'Every girl has been blessed with a creative spirit — they just need a positive outlet to foster that sense of wonder'

**CINCINNATI, Ohio** — Every parent wants their daughter to appropriately express their creativity and imagination. But in today's fallen culture, it can be challenging to find outlets that inspire ingenuity in a healthy and biblical manner. How can parents encourage their girls to express their God-given creativity while staying rooted in their faith?

American Heritage Girls (AHG, www.americanheritagegirls.org), one of the nation's premier Christian scouttype organizations, has been inspiring girls' creative spirits for nearly thirty years. Dedicated to building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country, AHG works to provide quality activities that encourage ingenuity.

"Every girl has been blessed with a creative spirit — they just need a positive outlet to foster that sense of wonder," said AHG Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay. "Today's society has countless apps, activities, and avenues that encourage girls to use their God-given gifts of creativity in negative ways. We at AHG are proud to offer positive, age-appropriate programming and resources for girls to use their 'creative muscles' in God-honoring ways."

Recently, *Garibay* sat down with Nicole Stratton, Artistic Director of The Logos Theatre, to explore how parents can guide their daughters in developing and using their artistic talents for the glory of God on *AHG*'s new podcast, *Raising Godly Girls (RGG)*. Stratton shares her inspiring journey of reclaiming the arts for Christ, following in the footsteps of her father, and how her faith has shaped her career in theater and the arts. This episode also highlights the exciting partnership between *American Heritage Girls* and The Logos Theatre at the Museum of the Bible, where *AHG* girls can experience live performances, get backstage access and even earn badge requirements.

"Our desire is to raise a generation of creative young women who use their gifts to reflect God's glory," said Garibay. "Together with our partners, we can equip girls with the tools needed to go out into the world and impact it for the kingdom."

Tune in to this week's <u>Raising Godly Girls</u> (<u>RGG</u>) <u>podcast</u> and "<u>Raising Godly Girls</u>" one-minute <u>radio</u> <u>feature</u> to guide parents and loved ones on the journey toward inspiring Biblical creativity in their girls.

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 <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 Troop</u>. To hear more about the purpose, mission, and vision of *AHG* from *Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay*, <u>click here</u>.

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 parents. 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 <u>weekly podcast</u>, 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. Subscribe and follow on any major podcast platform or visit <u>raisinggodlygirls.com</u>. Additionally, the <u>"Raising Godly Girls Minute"</u> with Patti Garibay 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</u>, contact Michael Hamilton, 610.584.1096, ext. 101.