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**Amerigroup Foundation Presents ‘Champion for Children’ Award
to Nevada Sen. Debbie Smith**

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (Friday, September 27, 2013) – The [Amerigroup Foundation](#) has recognized Nevada Sen. Debbie Smith as a “Champion for Children” for her efforts on behalf of Nevada families and has contributed \$2,000 in Sen. Smith’s honor to Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada (GSSN).

“We are proud to recognize Sen. Smith as a ‘Champion for Children,’” said Eric Lloyd, Amerigroup Nevada chief executive officer. “She has dedicated much of her career to ensuring the youth of Nevada have access to quality education and health care, and we sincerely thank her for her tireless efforts focused on improving the lives of children in the state.”

Sen. Smith has always been a stellar community volunteer and currently serves on the boards of the GSSN, Washoe County Education Alliance, Northern Nevada Children’s Cancer Foundation and the Nevada After School Alliance. She has been recognized for her legislative accomplishments by several organizations including the Public Education Foundation, the Nevada Association of Schools Boards, the Clark County School District (Crystal Apple) and Disability Advocates.

“I am honored and grateful for this recognition by the Amerigroup Foundation,” said Sen. Smith. “The generous donation will help to provide tremendous opportunities to girls and young women in our region. I appreciate Amerigroup’s commitment to the children in our state.”

The “Champion for Children” award is a part of a national program by the Amerigroup Foundation to recognize outstanding public advocacy efforts by government and community leaders to improve the health and well-being of children across the country.

About the Amerigroup Foundation

The Amerigroup Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Amerigroup, a wholly owned subsidiary of WellPoint, Inc., and the largest company focused solely on meeting the health care needs of financially vulnerable Americans. The Foundation works to create healthy communities by fostering access to health care, encouraging safe and healthy children and families, and promoting healthy neighborhoods.

About Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada

Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada is the preeminent organization for and leading authority on girls, serving more than 4,500 girls with assistance from 2,000 volunteers in 23 counties in northern Nevada and northeastern California. For more than 70 years, Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada Council has been building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. For more information on how to join, volunteer or donate to the Girl Scouts, please call 800.222.5406 or visit www.gssn.org.

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