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"GREEN ROOM" ENVIRONMENTAL SHOW WINS MULTIPLE AWARDS Local Girl Scouts' Campaign to Remove Palm Oil from Cookies Among Winning Episodes

ANN ARBOR, Mich., November 13, 2012 – The "Green Room," a half-hour monthly television show featuring environmental issues, has won the Philo T. Farnsworth Video Award and the George C. Stoney Award at the Alliance for Community Media's Central States Region. The awards were presented November 10, 2012, at Northern Kentucky University. Over 180 entries were submitted from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan for the awards.

The George C. Stoney Award is presented to one recipient each year for outstanding contributions to community media. This year's winning episode featured Girl Scouts Madi Vorva and Rhiannon Tomtishen, who are high school students at Ann Arbor's Greenhills School. The topic was the girls' campaign against the use of palm oil in Girl Scout cookies. The girls began their campaign five years ago when they learned of the deforestation caused by palm oil plantations in the rainforests of Southeast Asia, which is habitat of the endangered orangutan. The girls' efforts have received global recognition, as well as a pledge from the Girl Scouts of the USA to move to a segregated, certified sustainable palm oil source by 2015.

This is the second year in a row that "Green Room" has won the Philo award for best Professional Interview/Talk Show. Last year's winning episode featured aquatic biologist Gary Crawford. The topic was Invasive Phragmites, an exotic reed that is spreading aggressively and damaging wetland ecosystems. Tragically, Mr. Crawford passed away this October after a short illness. "Green Room" producers Barbara Lucas and Dana Denha are dedicating this year's award in honor of Mr. Crawford and his immense contributions to the world of ecology.

"Green Room" airs only on CitiTV Channel 19:

- Sunday 7pm
- Monday 7:30pm
- Tuesday 5pm
- Thursday 11:30am
- Friday 5:30pm
- Saturday 10:30am

"Green Room" is a collaborative effort between the Washtenaw County Environmental Health Division and Ann Arbor's Community Television Network (CTN). Archives of all past episodes can be accessed online at www.ewashtenaw.org/greenroom or http://a2cititv.pegcentral.com.