

2025 Volunteer Awards



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Welcome to the 2025 Volunteer Awards Ceremony



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Congratulations to all of the outstanding volunteers whom we are recognizing today for your service and dedication to the Girl Scout movement. We are delighted to celebrate you.

Girl Scouts is a place where girls and volunteers alike embark on a journey of discovery and are introduced to new opportunities and new friends. We make invaluable connections with others throughout that journey, who often serve as our anchors for a lifetime. For many of us, our Girl Scout friends are more like family.

Thank You for Your Courage, Confidence and Character

You embody our Girl Scout values and show our girls that they can achieve anything they set their minds to. You are the roots that both keep us grounded and allow us to grow. Thanks to how you lead by example, we are achieving our mission to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Thank You for Your Time, Talent and Passion

You exemplify creativity, effective communication, determination and perseverance, which models for our Girl Scouts the ways they can discover, connect, take action, and ultimately, realize their potential.

Thank You for Your Collaboration & Connections

You bring girls together. You foster an environment of caring, belonging and understanding. You engage girls in ways that spark their curiosity, strengthen their confidence and inspire them to lead. Because of volunteers like you, our Girl Scouts always have someone to walk alongside them as they learn, grow and take on the world.

Thank you for CHOOSING to be a volunteer leader for Girl Scouts of West Central Florida, and for giving our Girl Scouts an experience that will stay with them for a lifetime.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Mary Pat King, CAE

Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Deirdre Dixon, PH.D.

President

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Volunteer of Excellence Award



The Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes adult volunteers who have contributed outstanding service directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through the use of the National Program Portfolio or service in support of Girl Scouts of West Central Florida's mission delivery to girl and adult members beyond the expectations of the position. This is awarded at the Service Unit level.

Jacqueline Dryden, SU601 Coacoochee
Theresa Richardson, SU601 Coacoochee
Windy Doble, SU601 Coacoochee
Bridget Pastore, SU603 Smiling Sisters
Stephanie Woods, SU603 Smiling Sisters
Kim Cirone, SU605 Citrus OAKS
Rebecca Wilson, SU605 Citrus OAKS
Ashton Connell, SU607 Sunny Palms
Camille Garnett, SU607 Sunny Palms
Hannah Dineen, SU608 Toppercrest
Julie Wright, SU608 Toppercrest
Sarah Ludlam, SU608 Toppercrest
Lisa Blatter, SU609 Rainbow
Justin Foecking, SU613 Beautiful Butterflies
Kari Coggins, SU613 Beautiful Butterflies
Emily Lodato, SU615 Magical Dreamers
Heather Davis, SU615 Magical Dreamers
Alice Santana, SU616 Royal Swans
Amber Hansen, SU616 Royal Swans
Angelica McDowell, SU616 Royal Swans
Jessica Sansom, SU616 Royal Swans
Julie Hunt, SU616 Royal Swans
Leah Aponte, SU616 Royal Swans
Missy Gill, SU616 Royal Swans
Rebecca Knowles, SU616 Royal Swans
Sarah Thompkins, SU616 Royal Swans

Sharelleem Cintron, SU616 Royal Swans
Ashlyn Gagnard, SU619 Lil Manatee
Liz Wells, SU619 Lil Manatee
Amanda Wierenga, SU621 Rising Phoenix
Christine Kinder, SU621 Rising Phoenix
Eivori Nieves, SU621 Rising Phoenix
Licia Albert, SU621 Rising Phoenix
Nivea Brookens, SU621 Rising Phoenix
Audrey Flege, SU622 Land O Lakes
Carey Southern, SU622 Land O Lakes
Jennifer Madden, SU622 Land O Lakes
Courtney Yencsik, SU623 Brooksville Ridge
Catherine Hyer, SU626 West Wind
Joann Bower, SU626 West Wind
Carol Zimmerly, SU628 Cypress Belles
Denise Turner, SU628 Cypress Belles
Jeanette Baker, SU628 Cypress Belles
Silvia Lara, SU628 Cypress Belles
Shauna Bedell-Marrow, SU631 Angel Echo
Donna Latimer, SU632 Joining Rivers
Emily Alfano, SU632 Joining Rivers
Heather Labus, SU632 Joining Rivers
Jacob Nishwitz, SU632 Joining Rivers
Jessica Speer, SU632 Joining Rivers
Jo Bianchi, SU632 Joining Rivers
Shelley Colston, SU635 Spring Mermaids

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Alex Sobotzak, SU635 Spring Mermaids
Coralys Falcon, SU636 Silver Forest
Mercedes Bleattler, SU636 Silver Forest
Kimberly Vollmer Smith, SU639 Land of the Silver Moon
Natasha Smith, SU639 Land of the Silver Moon
Heather Gilbert, SU640 Crystal Waters
Katie Coyer, SU640 Crystal Waters
Keri Woloszynski, SU640 Crystal Waters
Tamara Rouseff, SU640 Crystal Waters
Elizabeth Chernes, SU641 Beautiful Waters
Lucy Gregory, SU641 Beautiful Waters
Michelle Stylianou, SU641 Beautiful Waters
Bethany Bedy, SU642 Gulf Sands
Chanelle Gardner, SU642 Gulf Sands
Danielle Stimus, SU642 Gulf Sands
David Kuhne, SU642 Gulf Sands
Emily-Kate Maronilla, SU642 Gulf Sands
Candace Walker, SU647 Wai Lani
Danielle Grey, SU647 Wai Lani
Kristine Janish, SU647 Wai Lani
Lynn Dodge, SU647 Wai Lani
Mary Matonis, SU647 Wai Lani
Melissa Berger, SU647 Wai Lani
Melissa Moré, SU647 Wai Lani
Ana Cabezas, SU653 Hoxie
Courtney Williams, SU653 Hoxie
Jennifer Sanders, SU653 Hoxie
Lindee Greenway, SU653 Hoxie
Abigail Clark, SU654 Whispering Pines
Sabrina Willhoite, SU654 Whispering Pines

Brieanna Raiford, SU654 Whispering Pines
Jillian Wick, SU654 Whispering Pines
Lacie Fiegel, SU654 Whispering Pines
Miranda Henry, SU654 Whispering Pines
Robert Clark, SU654 Whispering Pines
Sara Fowler, SU654 Whispering Pines
Stephanie Hunsberger, SU654 Whispering Pines
Allison Bledsoe, SU676 Fossil Valley
Heather Untied-Leonard, SU676 Fossil Valley
Jennifer Riggs, SU676 Fossil Valley
Kayla Zonneville, SU676 Fossil Valley
Kristin Vicente, SU676 Fossil Valley
Laura Holland, SU676 Fossil Valley
Lauren Hernandez, SU676 Fossil Valley
Maria Lutz, SU676 Fossil Valley
Michelle Barker, SU676 Fossil Valley
Rose Madison, SU676 Fossil Valley
Sara Bogue, SU676 Fossil Valley
Stephanie Crawford, SU676 Fossil Valley
Valerie Moore, SU676 Fossil Valley
Amber Bengtson, SU693 Pinellas
Carrie Moore, SU693 Pinellas
Elizabeth Jacoby, SU693 Pinellas
Gweneth Caraway, SU693 Pinellas
Jasmine Hall, SU693 Pinellas
Linda Albritton, SU693 Pinellas
Nicole DeJesus, SU693 Pinellas
Victoria McManning, SU693 Pinellas

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Appreciation Pin

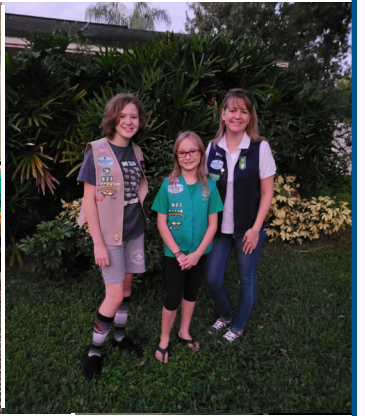


The Appreciation Pin is awarded to registered adult volunteers who have delivered outstanding service to a service unit, geographic area, or program delivery audience, and have received two nominations outlining that outstanding service.

Erin Zolkiwsky, SU601 Coacoochee
Theresa Welch, SU603 Smiling Sisters
Danyeale McGeorge, SU605 Citrus OAKS
Connie Cozier, SU608 Toppercrest
Roxanne Gomez, SU615 Magical Dreamers
Lauren Tatum, SU616 Royal Swans
Sara Schwartz, SU622 Land O Lakes
Lisa Henshaw, SU625 Tierra Del Sol
Jessica Grey, SU626 West Wind
Sarah Ruggieri, SU635 Spring Mermaids
Rebecca Dumas, SU636 Silver Forest
Amanda Camp, SU639 Land of the Silver Moon

Brandy Brooks, SU641 Beautiful Waters
Lisa Heim, SU642 Gulf Sands
Rose Mooneyhan, SU642 Gulf Sands
Samantha Trover, SU642 Gulf Sands
Jessica Dees, SU654 Whispering Pines
Lori Fiedler, SU654 Whispering Pines
Sandy Rumbaugh, SU654 Whispering Pines
Shaina Lestoric, SU654 Whispering Pines
Tina Parapon, SU654 Whispering Pines
Valerie Buehler, SU654 Whispering Pines
Lourdes Reyes, SU676 Fossil Valley





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Honor Pin



The Honor Pin is awarded to registered adult volunteers who have delivered outstanding service to two or more service units, geographic areas, or program delivery audiences, and have received three nominations that clearly outline that outstanding service.



Tiffany Coyne is a dedicated co-leader of two multi-level troops in the Land of the Silver Moon Service Unit, serving girls across all six Girl Scout levels. In addition to her troop leadership, Tiffany helps plan service unit events, supports encampments and played a key role in coordinating this year's county-wide cookie rally. She consistently steps up to assist with fall product and will co-manage cookies next season. Whether helping girls get to events, setting up and cleaning up programs or supporting her co-leader, Tiffany is always ready to jump in to ensure girls have access to a full and enriching Girl Scout experience.



Tasha Herbert is a dedicated leader to two troops and an invaluable member of the Land of the Silver Moon Service Unit. In just the past year, she has taken on the roles of fall product manager and cookie co-manager, supporting leaders, parents and volunteers with everything from Digital Cookie to eBudde. Tasha brings fresh ideas to the table and fosters a positive, inclusive environment where every girl feels valued and empowered. Whether she's coordinating events or product programs, mentoring new leaders or organizing community service projects, Tasha consistently goes above and beyond to support her girls and the broader Girl Scout community.



Sierra Hover is a lifelong Girl Scout who now serves as a troop leader, high awards coordinator and troop consultant for the Whispering Pines Service Unit. Her lifelong experience in the Girl Scout program, which began during her own years as a Girl Scout, shines through in her exceptional teaching skills and her ability to inspire and empower others. A certified council facilitator, Sierra leads essential trainings in fire, knife and knot safety. She also mentors four additional troops beyond her own, ensuring leaders are supported and prepared. As high awards coordinator, she actively guides girls through their Bronze, Silver and Gold Award journeys, helping them grow into confident and capable leaders. Sierra is a passionate and knowledgeable mentor who embodies the heart of Girl Scout leadership.

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Honor Pin



Kameryn Knowles transitioned from Girl Scout to adult volunteer this year and has already made a significant impact within the Joining Rivers Service Unit. In addition to serving as a troop helper and event leader, she acts as the official photographer for all Marion County events and Joining Rivers encampments, capturing memories while supporting logistics. As a recent Gold Award recipient, Kameryn now mentors many older girls across Marion County, taking time out of her busy college schedule to help them get started on their own Gold Award journeys. She has truly stepped into her role as GEMS chair with heart and passion, using every bit of her free time to lead and uplift the next generation of Girl Scouts.



Tabatha McCallum has been a troop leader in the Land of the Silver Moon Service Unit for just two years, but her impact has been immediate and far-reaching. In addition to leading a Daisy and Brownie troop, she serves as service unit secretary, keeping leader meetings on track and productive. Tabatha helps organize events and brings creativity to every experience. Tabatha is a go-to volunteer for Marion County events—showing up early, staying late and stepping in wherever needed to ensure girls have fun and memorable experiences. Whether it's running a program, handling supplies or leading an activity, she's always there to lend a helping hand.



Rebecca Miller wears many hats within the Land of the Silver Moon Service Unit, including troop helper, cookie manager, camp pathway coordinator, event pathway coordinator and service unit delegate. She has led the planning and execution of countless events—such as cookie rallies, Thinking Day celebrations and bridging ceremonies—always keeping girls at the center of the experience. This year, she helped bring a group of graduating high schoolers' vision for their final encampment to life, working alongside them to create an unforgettable sendoff. Rebecca also mentors new leaders and has been a long-standing support for product programs, managing cookies for many years. Her leadership, reliability and dedication make her an indispensable part of the service unit.



Amiee Saleh is a dedicated troop leader to a group of Cadettes, whom she has guided since kindergarten, fostering connection and tradition through every stage of their Girl Scout journey. In addition to leading her troop, she serves as encampment director for the Beautiful Butterflies Service Unit. Amiee meticulously plans encampments year-round, hand-crafts decorations and creates special pins to recognize outstanding girls. She also volunteers at other service unit encampments to ensure all girls have the opportunity to experience camp. Beyond encampments, Amiee regularly steps up to support new troop leaders through the onboarding process and gives her whole heart in support of fellow volunteers.

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Meredith Semmel has been an active member of the Toppercrest Service Unit for more than six years, serving as fall product manager and alternate delegate. Known for her creativity and leadership, Meredith played a key role in planning the second annual Tri-Service Unit Thinking Day, coordinating logistics for 26 troops and partnering with other service units to ensure the event's success. As a longtime member of the encampment planning team, she develops engaging, age-appropriate activities—most recently designing craft stations and training volunteers for the younger girl “Decades” encampment. Meredith also regularly represents her service unit at the GSWCF Annual Meeting and Volunteer Leadership Rally.



Jennifer Thompson serves in multiple roles within the Hoxie Service Unit, including troop leader, cookie manager, adult awards coordinator and alternate delegate. She is a trusted mentor and a steady presence, always willing to step up and support her community. When two consecutive hurricanes impacted her area, Jennifer quickly mobilized recovery efforts, creating an Amazon wish list, assembling care packages with uplifting notes and organizing a community breakfast with her troop. She has also led high award education sessions and knife safety training at encampment, along with coordinating gift basket donations for the Hoxie Dance, helping raise over \$2,500. Jennifer’s leadership, compassion and dedication have made a lasting impact across the service unit.



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Thanks Badge



Thanks Badge is awarded to registered adult volunteers who have delivered outstanding service to the entire council or Girl Scout movement. Thanks Badge recipients have received at least three nominations that clearly outline their extraordinary service.



Cami Gibertini has served Girl Scouts of West Central Florida with unmatched energy and vision, most recently as President of the Board of Directors. During her two-year term, she led with her signature “Big Energy” theme—rallying the board to raise nearly half a million dollars, launching a board mentorship program and hosting multiple retreats to strengthen board engagement. Cami represented GSWCF at national meetings, brought back best practices to the council and helped secure record-breaking success at Women of Distinction, the most impactful fundraiser in council history. She also created a digital toolkit for board recruitment and personally encouraged countless girls by listening to their stories and offering mentorship. Cami approaches her leadership as a service, not a title—modeling courage, confidence and character in every room she enters. Her legacy is one of empowerment, generosity and belief in every girl’s potential.



Toni Knowles is a dedicated leader whose influence spans every corner of the Joining Rivers Service Unit and beyond. She serves as troop leader, troop consultant, service unit cookie manager and alternate delegate, consistently stepping up wherever she’s needed most. This year, Toni co-chaired the cookie program, going above and beyond to support new troops through their first season and helping others navigate complex challenges to stay active and successful. She is known for finding solutions, not just identifying problems, and has developed training materials, resources and new processes that improve the experience for both girls and volunteers. Her proactive leadership, willingness to mentor and deep understanding of the Girl Scout mission make her an indispensable force in Marion County. Through every role, Toni leads with heart, dedication and a constant drive to make Girl Scouting better for everyone.



Marilyn Mevers has spent the past 20 years pouring her time, heart and energy into creating meaningful experiences for Girl Scouts and their families. As a troop leader, consultant, pathway coordinator and alternate delegate, Marilyn has built strong community relationships, partnering with local businesses, churches and organizations to secure safe and successful cookie booth locations year after year. Her commitment extends far beyond logistics; she provides food, clothing and shelter resources to families in need and mentors troop leaders with patience and care. Marilyn models how to step out of one’s comfort zone with confidence, helping girls develop the courage and character to become leaders in their own lives. Her long-standing dedication and deeply rooted compassion have made her a beloved role model in Whispering Pines and a shining example of what it means to live the Girl Scout mission.

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Thanks Badge



Leah Nishwitz is a powerhouse volunteer who serves as troop leader, fall product manager, troop cookie manager and service unit cookie manager. This year, she went above and beyond to support both new and seasoned leaders during cookie season—offering around-the-clock guidance, securing booth locations, traveling to meet troops in person and ensuring everyone had the tools they needed to succeed. Her leadership has empowered girls to set and achieve meaningful goals while helping adult volunteers feel confident and supported throughout the process. Leah's servant leadership, tireless commitment and depth of knowledge have made a lasting impact on girls, leaders and the entire Marion County Girl Scout community.



Kelly Williams-Puccio is a lifelong advocate for Girl Scouts and the greater Central Florida community. A former troop leader and service unit manager, Kelly now serves on the Board of Directors for Girl Scouts of West Central Florida and plays a critical role on the Mission Advancement Committee. Her leadership has helped deepen council relationships through the Community Advisory Team and has been instrumental in securing transformational funding, most notably \$150,000 from Publix for Camp Wildwood's equestrian area and \$50,000 for hurricane relief. Each year, she helps navigate the council's relationship with Publix during cookie booth season and secures Publix Charities' sponsorship of Women of Distinction. Even in retirement, Kelly remains a key connector, ensuring continued support from major funders and championing Girl Scouts at every level. Her commitment extends across Florida as she mentors, fundraises and opens doors to grow the movement. Kelly brings people together, builds bridges between organizations and inspires others to give generously of their time and hearts.



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Thanks Badge II



Thanks Badge II is awarded to registered adult volunteers who have already earned the Thanks Badge, have continual high performance and have used their skill or sphere of influence to benefit the entire council in another endeavor. Thanks Badge II recipients have received at least three nominations that clearly outline their extraordinary service.



Kathy Antis is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts and tireless advocate for girls and volunteers alike. She has served in countless roles—including Gold Award committee member, area association delegate, troop consultant, service unit manager, troop leader, adult awards coordinator and camp pathway coordinator—always with the goal of enriching the Girl Scout experience at every level. As a Gold Award committee member, Kathy is one of the most vocal champions of the High Awards, encouraging girls throughout Whispering Pines and beyond to pursue Bronze, Silver and Gold. She serves as a mentor and motivator, helping girls realize their leadership potential and guiding them through the award process with care and enthusiasm. Whether acting as the encampment nurse, supporting council committees or advocating for leaders, Kathy's legacy is one of selfless service, passionate mentorship and unwavering belief in every girl's ability to make a difference.



Terri Reese is a seasoned troop leader and cookie manager whose commitment to the Girl Scout mission shines through every adventure she leads. From coordinating a 10-day road trip for a dozen girls—handling every reservation, rental and budget detail—to serving as a water facilitator at Camp Wai Lani, Terri creates unforgettable, girl-led experiences rooted in growth and exploration. Known as the go-to outdoor expert in her service unit, she is always ready to support others with her deep knowledge of camping and wilderness safety. Terri led two troops simultaneously, helped facilitate archery and camp activities and is a trusted mentor who gives generously of her time and wisdom. Whether she's behind the scenes or on the front lines, Terri's passion, leadership and positivity make her an invaluable part of the Land of the Silver Moon Service Unit and beyond.



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Trefoil Award in Memory of Linda Scott



The Trefoil Award in Memory of Linda Scott is awarded in honor and memory of Linda Scott, a long time staff member of Girl Scouts of West Central Florida. Reflecting her love of the girls, volunteers, and council staff, three nominations outlining the nominee's outstanding service with these three groups are required to be considered for the award. All recipients must also be registered adult volunteers who have provided outstanding service to Girl Scouting.



Kristin Crawford is a devoted troop leader whose calm, consistent leadership has kept her group of seven high school Girl Scouts engaged and thriving. She leads by example, fostering resilience, responsibility and teamwork while helping the girls develop strong leadership and life skills. Under her guidance, the troop completed their Silver Award project on pet preparedness during hurricane season, which included traveling to Tallahassee to advocate for the inclusion of pet supplies in Florida's tax-free week—an effort that resulted in meaningful policy change. Kristin creates an inclusive environment where every girl is encouraged to pursue her passions, face challenges with confidence and realize her full potential. Her unwavering support has helped shape a remarkable group of young women ready to make their mark on the world.



Nicole Gingell is a committed troop leader and service unit manager who leads with empathy, vision and a deep dedication to building girls of courage, confidence and character. She engages her troop in impactful service projects, including an annual partnership with A Children's Place to furnish apartments for girls aging out of foster care—offering them not only support but also perspective and compassion. As a mentor to both girls and adults, Nicole takes time to understand individual strengths and uses that insight to empower others. She supports new leaders through encampment planning and troop development and readily steps in to fill open roles—ensuring a strong, connected service unit. Nicole's leadership helps girls discover their purpose while encouraging fellow volunteers to thrive.



Dr. Sue Ryan Goodman is a lifelong Girl Scout with more than 47 years of dedicated service, including years as a troop leader, volunteer and long-time Board Member for Girl Scouts of West Central Florida. Her legacy spans across councils, from New Jersey to D.C. to Wisconsin and now Florida, where she has mentored generations of girls and volunteers. Sue is a consistent presence at governance and signature events, not just fulfilling board duties but actively engaging with members of all ages. She builds intentional relationships with Girl Board Members and delegates, offering encouragement and wisdom while honoring each generation's contributions. Sue is a bridge between tradition and innovation, grassroots and governance, modeling the values of Girl Scouting at every level. Her compassion, leadership and deep commitment to girl development make her a true embodiment of the Trefoil Award.

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Trefoil Award in Memory of Linda Scott



Lynn Sansspree is a lifelong Girl Scout whose commitment to service and mentorship continues to shape the Marion County Girl Scout community. As a troop leader and active member of the service unit team, Lynn supports nearly every county-wide event—planning activities, running stations and mentoring girls and adults alike. Known for her incredible skills in the kitchen, she leads encampment cooking with warmth and efficiency, teaching girls how to prepare meals for more than 100 people and inspiring them to give their best.

Even without a daughter currently in the program, Lynn remains deeply involved, always ready to lend a hand, offer guidance and create joyful, memorable experiences. Her passion, patience and dedication make her a beloved mentor and a shining example of Girl Scout values in action.



Cori Taylor Kuhne is a powerhouse leader whose energy and vision have revitalized the Gulf Sands Service Unit. As service unit manager, she restructured operations and launched a leadership development program for middle and high school girls, giving them ownership in planning and leading events—most notably a highly successful encampment attended by over 100 members, up from just 20 in previous years. Cori serves in multiple roles including troop leader, cookie and fall product manager, event pathway coordinator, alternate delegate and FMAT volunteer.

Her collaborative spirit extends beyond her own unit, partnering with Whispering Pines for World Thinking Day and maintaining strong ties with the North Pinellas community manager to advocate for volunteers' needs. Cori leads with both heart and strategy, keeping girls at the center of every decision while inspiring fellow volunteers to grow and lead with confidence.



Nancy Lynn Tomich is a devoted troop leader and mentor who brings heart, experience and a spirit of adventure to every aspect of Girl Scouting. Though she no longer has a daughter in the program, she continues to lead a multi-level troop—introducing girls to the outdoors, encouraging them to try new things and guiding them to step outside their comfort zones. Lynn is a steady presence at Marion County events, helping plan and run activities like the Drive-In Campout and School of Wizardry, while also supporting recruiting efforts across multiple service units.

She is a trusted guide for new leaders, offering hands-on help, programming ideas and encouragement rooted in experience. Lynn's continued commitment to girls and volunteers alike makes her an invaluable asset to the Joining Rivers community.

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Heart of Gold Award



The Heart of Gold Award is Girl Scouts of West Central Florida's council award to honor registered adult volunteers who perform outstanding service above and beyond expectations both in Girl Scouting and for another organization. The award requires at least two nominations, with at least one being about their outstanding service to Girl Scouting and at least one being about their work for another organization.



Jan Hathaway is a dedicated volunteer who serves as the Service Unit Individually registered girl (Juliette) mentor for Joining Rivers and exemplifies what it means to lead with heart. Though she has no daughter or granddaughter in the program, Jan gives generously of her time and talents to support Girl Scouts across Marion County simply because she believes in the mission of the organization. She assists local troops with resources for service projects and high awards and volunteers as a banner judge for a local annual parade. Beyond Girl Scouts, Jan also supports organizations like the Marion County Therapeutic Riding Association, the Community Foundation and WEC, giving back to each with wholehearted commitment. Her service is driven purely by a belief in building a better future for young people in her community.



Misty Hubbard is a passionate troop leader and cookie manager whose dedication to service shines through everything she does. This year, she played a key role in organizing the Coacoochee Service Unit's first-ever Recognition Event and Family Fun Day—bringing the community together after a season of cancellations due to back-to-back hurricanes. Misty also leads her troop with purpose, helping the girls complete their Cookie Captain patches by mentoring younger troops and guiding them through cookie season. Beyond Girl Scouts, Misty co-founded The Dynamic Flock, a nonprofit that provides scholarships to help families afford extracurricular activities. Her creativity, leadership and commitment to inclusion make her a powerful force in both Girl Scouts and the broader Tampa Bay community.



Kelly Sobotzak is a devoted troop leader, mentor and service unit cookie manager who consistently goes above and beyond to create an inclusive and empowering Girl Scout experience. In addition to leading her Cadette troop since their Daisy days, Kelly supports countless volunteers by serving as a trainer, mentor and trusted resource during product programs. This year, she also began shadowing as service unit manager, preparing to step into even greater leadership. Kelly's impact extends council-wide through her service on the Gold Award committee, where she thoughtfully guides girls through the highest level of Girl Scouting with insight and encouragement. A former youth minister and active volunteer in multiple scouting communities, Kelly brings warmth, wisdom, and unwavering support to every role she holds.

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Eydie Garland is a passionate troop leader, camp pathway coordinator and event pathway coordinator whose leadership empowers girls to step up, take initiative and shine. She has served for several years as the volunteer leader of the Whispering Pines GEMs (Girl Event Managers), mentoring older girls to become confident planners and role models. In 2025, she helped guide the GEMs as they successfully led the “Scouting Through the Generations” CSA Encampment and played a hands-on role at the general encampment, teaching fire building, knife safety and traditional songs to younger girls. Beyond Girl Scouts, Eydie supports youth in her community as the treasurer and chaperone for Largo High Chorus Boosters and as fundraising chair for IB Partners. She also organizes spirit nights for Largo High and IB programs and prepares full themed meals—like a medieval dinner—for more than 100 students and families. Whether she’s behind the scenes or working directly with girls, Eydie brings heart, skill and a deep commitment to youth leadership development.



Cassandra Glubzinski is a dedicated Girl Scout volunteer whose leadership and service uplifts her entire community. Within Fossil Valley, she supports girls and volunteers through her commitment to building inclusive, empowering experiences that reflect the values of the Girl Scout mission. Outside of Girl Scouts, Cassandra actively serves through Fishhawk Fellowship Community Church as a small group leader, hospitality volunteer and worship leader—fostering meaningful connections and support for others. She also plays a vital role in national organizations such as Blue Star Families and the Military Spouse Empowerment Zone, helping military families access resources and navigate transitions. Through Hiring Our Heroes and the American Corporate Partner initiative, she mentors individuals seeking professional stability and growth. Across all her efforts, Cassandra leads with empathy, purpose and a steadfast dedication to service.



Lynn Jackson Dorman is a dedicated member of the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida Board of Directors who exemplifies service in every aspect of her life. As Vice President of Governance, she restructured council procedures and created a standard operating guide to support future leaders—leaving a lasting mark on the organization’s leadership model. Lynn also brought the Girl Scout mission to life by visiting cookie booths across the council during the VIP Cookie Patch campaign, offering encouragement and mentorship to girls and volunteers alike. Beyond Girl Scouts, Lynn serves as clinic director at a Family Care Center in Tampa, where she supports veterans and families as a licensed mental health therapist. A veteran herself, she continues to serve the Tampa Bay military community and volunteers through St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church and the Pierian Foundation. Lynn’s leadership is rooted in service, compassion and a lifelong commitment to helping others thrive.

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Heart of Gold Award



Dawn Klee is a committed troop leader, cookie manager and troop consultant whose service is defined by compassion, creativity and community impact. She leads several signature service unit events, including the Military Stocking Stuffing, which this year gathered and shipped over 300 stockings to service members overseas, and the Veteran Basket initiative, which assembled 15 baskets of essentials for homeless veterans transitioning into permanent housing. Dawn also engages her troop in monthly food donations and previously established a Monarch Waystation Garden at her church, blending environmental stewardship with community joy. Beyond Girl Scouts, Dawn plays a vital leadership role in her daughter's marching band as VP of operations—managing uniforms, logistics and parent communication. Her impactful contributions span several organizations, including the Girl Scouts, Osceola Fundamental High School Band, Tampa Bay Supports, Bay Pines Fisher House and Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church. Through every role, Dawn brings heart, leadership and an unwavering commitment to serving others.



Jennifer Libby has made a lasting impact in the Coacoochee Service Unit through her role as troop consultant, stepping in to fill a critical gap and ensuring new leaders feel supported from day one. She personally meets with every new leader within the first few weeks of their journey, guides them through orientation and offers them steady encouragement. Jennifer also thoughtfully revised the existing New Leader Handbook to better meet the needs of leaders. Her mentorship style is approachable, encouraging and rooted in experience—helping new volunteers build confidence and create meaningful experiences for their troops. In addition to her Girl Scout work, Jennifer is also engaged in broader community service through her professional and volunteer roles in youth-focused organizations across Tampa Bay, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Take Stock in Children mentorship program, further reflecting her deep commitment to empowering others.



Jennifer Strom is a dynamic Girl Scout volunteer who leads with creativity, compassion and a strong sense of community. As a troop leader, cookie manager, camp pathway coordinator and community service coordinator, she plays a hands-on role in delivering high-impact programming—organizing events like the Cookie Rally, Me and My Guy Challenge and Cadette Journey in a Day to help girls build skills and confidence. Outside of Girl Scouts, Jennifer leads campus improvement efforts at Randall Middle School as the PTSA beautification chair, enhancing school spaces through landscaping and hurricane recovery projects. She also manages volunteers for the Brandon Parade of Lights, ensuring smooth coordination on a large scale. Whether supporting Girl Scouts or her broader community, Jennifer's leadership is marked by organization, heart and a deep commitment to creating positive experiences for others.

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Years of Service Pins



Years of Service Pins recognize a registered adult member for years of active volunteer service at 5-year intervals up to 40 years. After 40 years, pins are available at 10-year intervals. Years of Service Pins are presented by the service unit for 5 years of service and by Girl Scouts of West Central Florida for 10 years of service and beyond.

5 Years of Service

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Amie Cooper, SU616 Royal Swans
Amy Higgins, SU626 West Wind
Angela Rawls, SU632 Joining Rivers
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Ashley Wood, SU629 Woodlands
Audrey Flege, SU622 Land O Lakes
Beth Bosio, SU642 Gulf Sands
Blaine Palmer, SU613 Beautiful Butterflies
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Carry Murry, SU616 Royal Swans

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Christy Lofton, SU642 Gulf Sands
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Danielle Sheldon, SU632 Joining Rivers
Danielle Stimus, SU642 Gulf Sands
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Denise Williams, SU639 Land of the Silver Moon
Diana Brooks, SU616 Royal Swans
Diana Springer, SU642 Gulf Sands
Diana Thomas, SU616 Royal Swans
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Elisa DeGregorio, SU601 Coacoochee
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Emily Lodato, SU615 Magical Dreamers
Ericka Duboff, SU605 Citrus OAKS
Francesca Malone, SU636 Silver Forest
Ginger Johnson, SU616 Royal Swans

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Gitta Schmitt, SU609 Rainbow

Gregory Svenson, SU642 Gulf Sands

Heather Beckman, SU613 Beautiful Butterflies

Heather Maxwell, SU606 Strawberry

Heather Robyak, SU607 Sunny Palms

Heidi Kurppe, SU635 Spring Mermaids

Holly Parrish, SU616 Royal Swans

Ivan Belcastro, SU642 Gulf Sands

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Jan-I Lanza, SU632 Joining Rivers

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Jennifer Chatigny, SU629 Woodlands

Jennifer Emery, SU605 Citrus OAKS

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Jessica Nudo, SU622 Land O Lakes

Jill Ragano, SU608 Toppercrest

Jo-Anne Ignacio, SU642 Gulf Sands

Juliana Brown, SU621 Rising Phoenix

Julie Glazman, SU642 Gulf Sands

Kari Carruolo, SU601 Coacoochee

Karoline Leyva, SU642 Gulf Sands

Kathy Karabec, SU629 Woodlands

Katy Jenne, SU642 Gulf Sands

Kayla Burnette, SU606 Strawberry

Kei Kei Anderson, SU619 Lil Manatee

Kelly Brummer, SU642 Gulf Sands

Kelly Liston, SU619 Lil Manatee

Kelly Rankin, SU616 Royal Swans

Kiley Gagnard, SU619 Lil Manatee

Kim Blair, SU673 Sunset Scouts

Kim Roper, SU601 Coacoochee

Kim Summersdorf, SU629 Woodlands

Kim Wilmas, SU640 Crystal Waters

Kimberly Snedeker, SU642 Gulf Sands

Kristen Owens, SU642 Gulf Sands

Kristen Vinzant, SU616 Royal Swans

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Nicole Walker, SU616 Royal Swans
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Rama Kiran, SU642 Gulf Sands
Rebecca Knowles, SU616 Royal Swans
Richard Golen, SU613 Beautiful Butterflies
Richelle Bradshaw, SU642 Gulf Sands
Ronda Sturgill, SU642 Gulf Sands
Sandy Kulp, SU616 Royal Swans
Sarah Maurer, SU647 Wai Lani
Shadia Aouadi, SU673 Sunset Scouts
Shay Sanchez, SU629 Woodlands
Shelby Griffin, SU601 Coacoochee
Sheri Bohm, SU647 Wai Lani
Sheri Cancelliere, SU636 Silver Forest
Sondra Stokes, SU629 Woodlands
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10 Years of Service

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Ily Beard, SU608 Toppercrest

Jaima Woodiwiss, SU613 Beautiful Butterflies

Jana Lazo, SU612 Rising Daisies

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Jill Wong, SU632 Joining Rivers

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Celia Goldstein, SU640 Crystal Waters
Charlene Laping, SU636 Silver Forest
Colleen Kurtz, SU673 Sunset Scouts
Connie Cozier, SU608 Toppercrest
Denise Chambers, SU625 Tierra Del Sol
Erica Clough, SU676 Fossil Valley
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Laura Kay, SU612 Rising Daisies
Lisa Maddocks-Baisley, SU625 Tierra Del Sol
Manar Sarsour, SU673 Sunset Scouts
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Maurine Thomas, SU608 Toppercrest
Nadine Hill, SU606 Strawberry
Nerissa Casanova, SU609 Rainbow
Steven Trischka, SU636 Silver Forest
Tiffany Postma, SU676 Fossil Valley
Tiffany Prado, SU616 Royal Swans

20 Years of Service

Crystal Crist, SU626 West Wind
Devon Osborne, SU633 Crickette
Gretchen Tarrou, SU642 Gulf Sands
Jeanette Beital, SU626 West Wind
Joann Bower, SU626 West Wind

Kathleen Antis, SU654 Whispering Pines
Michelle Arnold, SU629 Woodlands
Rose Mooneyhan, SU642 Gulf Sands
Traci Lowery, SU636 Silver Forest
Yamel Belen, SU606 Strawberry

25 Years of Service

Cindy Anderson, SU607 Sunny Palms
Michelle Padgett, SU640 Crystal Waters

30 Years of Service

Brenda Hover, SU654 Whispering Pines
JulieAnne Parker, SU603 Smiling Sisters
Patricia Hordge, SU612 Rising Daisies
Susan Briggs, SU642 Gulf Sands

35 Years of Service

Jane Morris, SU647 Wai Lani
Tammara Whitworth, SU626 West Wind

40 Years of Service

Bobbie Soto, SU615 Magical Dreamers
Marcia Greensfelder, SU608 Toppercrest

50 Years of Service

Deborah Holton-Fischer, SU612 Rising Daisies
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On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong,
and responsible for what I say and do,
and to respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

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