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Event Schedule

Welcome

Mary Pat King

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Traditional Girl Scout Flag Ceremony

Girl Scouts of West Central Florida Media Girls

Gratitude & Recognition

Cami Gibertini

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Women of Distinction Recognition Ceremony

Kelly Williams-Puccio

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Letter from our CEO & Board President

Welcome to the 2025 Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon!

For 33 years, Girl Scouts of West Central Florida has celebrated the astounding achievements of women leaders in our community through this annual event. We are so happy that you are joining us today to recognize six remarkable women who have dedicated their lives to making the world a better place.

This year, Girl Scouts of West Central Florida honors: **Joyce Cotton, Ann Shaler, The Honorable Kathryn Starkey**, and **Dr. Kanika Tomalin** as Women of Distinction; **Mattie Velasco** as Woman of Promise; and **Maruchi Azorin** as a Women of Distinction Hall of Fame Inductee.

This extraordinary group of women serve as the next generation's role models. They are dedicated champions for lifting up women and youth to ensure the future is brighter for all. Leading by example, they inspire Girl Scouts from across our council to be go-getters, innovators, risk-takers, and leaders who serve their communities with compassion.

For the past 113 years, Girl Scouts has proven to be the premier leadership development program for girls, globally. We know that the bonds of sisterhood formed through Girl Scouts last a lifetime and create a strong sense of self for girls. Furthermore, we know that it takes dedicated female leaders as mentors to build girls of courage, confidence, and character.

On behalf of the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida Board of Directors, we would like to recognize our 2025 Women of Distinction Honorary Chairs who poured so much energy into bringing this day to life—**Lisette Campos, Felicia Harvey** and **Debbie White**.

We hope that you are inspired by the stories of our Women of Distinction honorees and our amazing Girl Scouts sitting among us today. Thank you for showing your commitment to girls by supporting Girl Scouts of West Central Florida.

Yours in Girl Scouting,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Pat King".

Mary Pat King
Chief Executive Officer
Girl Scouts of West Central Florida



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cami Gibertini".

Cami Gibertini
President
Girl Scouts of West Central Florida

Thank You to Our Proud Girl Scout Supporters

In Fall 2024, Girl Scouts of West Central Florida embraced resilience and recovery following the devastation caused by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. These powerful storms struck at the heart of our cherished camps—places where generations of Girl Scouts have built lifelong memories. Each year, we proudly provide over 30,000 life-changing camp experiences.

The damage was extensive with more than 1,000 fallen trees, widespread debris, and severely damaged buildings across our four camps. Unexpected insurance deductibles and uninsured repairs added to the financial burden, making the support of donors like you more crucial than ever.

We are proud to share that as of January 7, all of our camps have reopened for our Girl Scouts and volunteers. In the first month alone, we welcomed nearly 2,500 Girl Scouts and volunteers back to camp. The impact of Girl Scouting at our four beautiful camps continues—stronger than ever.

By standing with us, you're doing more than rebuilding camps—you're investing in the strength, resilience, and future of every Girl Scout in West Central Florida. Your generosity ensures that we can continue to provide a safe and inspiring space where girls grow into confident, courageous leaders who are committed to making the world a better place.



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Woman of Promise Honoree

Mattie Velasco



Mattie Velasco, a former Girl Scout and Tampa native, is a behavioral health professional specializing in trauma-informed mental healthcare. As business development director for Acadia Healthcare, she works to ensure vulnerable populations receive life-saving treatment.

She founded the regional RoundTable Series, conducting community needs assessments to improve behavioral health services in Tampa Bay. This work led her to establish Open Forum Strategy, a government affairs practice focused on high-impact advocacy.

A recognized leader in her community, Velasco serves as the 2025 policy advisory chair for the Tampa Bay Chamber, and 2025 Hub for Business chair with the Emerging Leaders Tampa Bay. She was recently honored with the St. Petersburg College 2024 Alumni Achievement Award and was a finalist for the 2024 Deanne Dewey Roberts Award.

Velasco has devoted her life and career to fostering wellness within her community. She dedicates this recognition to her daughter, Sophia, a proud Girl Scout Brownie, and in memory of her late grandparents, Margie and Dennis Truluck.

2025

Women of Distinction Honoree

Joyce Cotton



Joyce Cotton, director of marketing and community partnerships at WEDU PBS, has worked in the broadcast television industry for nearly 50 years. After a 25-year career in television traffic and sales at Scripps Howard, Cotton retired from WFTS and began a new career in the nonprofit sector, joining the underwriting department at WEDU PBS.

In her role as director of marketing and community partnerships, she is responsible for developing corporate and nonprofit community partnerships, offering multi-media marketing and branding opportunities for awareness and partnerships which include television, wedu.org, social media platforms, award winning special events, documentaries, community engagement, and education outreach initiatives.

Cotton is passionate about education, cultural arts and accessibility for all. She has served on numerous boards, including Creative Pinellas, Friends of Tampa Union Station, The Florida Orchestra, Ruth Eckerd Hall, the Tampa Museum of Art, and the Sykes School of Business Advisory Council. She is also a member of the City of Tampa Mayor's Autism Friendly Advisory Committee.

Her dedication to education, cultural arts, and accessibility has made a lasting impact on the Tampa Bay community.

2025

Women of Distinction Honoree

Dr. Kanika Tomalin



Dr. Kanika Tomalin is a veteran executive, public servant, and community leader who specializes in transforming ideas into action across various sectors – healthcare, higher education, media, government, and nonprofit. As president and CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg, she leads grantmaking, strategic initiatives, and the Center for Health Equity, working to address health disparities and improve well-being in the community.

Previously, Dr. Tomalin served as chief operating officer and vice president for strategy at Eckerd College, where she led operations, strategic planning, and institutional effectiveness.

She also spent eight years as deputy mayor and city administrator of St. Petersburg, advancing major citywide initiatives such as Healthy St. Pete, the Innovation District, and the For All, From All Housing Affordability Plan.

Prior to her time in city government, she held executive roles in healthcare administration, including regional vice president of external affairs for Bayfront Health Network.

A dedicated community advocate, she serves on numerous boards and has received multiple honors for her contributions to public service, healthcare, and education.

2025

Women of Distinction Honoree

The Honorable Kathryn Starkey

Kathryn Starkey is a dedicated public servant and community leader, committed to economic development, education, and environmental preservation. She and her husband, Trey Starkey, a member of a Tampa Bay pioneer family, have four children and four grandchildren.

Her public service career began in 2002, with appointments to the Southwest Florida Water Management District Board (SWFWMD) and the Florida Greenways and Trails Council. In 2004, she was honored as Florida's first-ever School Board Member of the Year by the Council of Education Foundations.

Starkey plays an active role in economic development initiatives throughout Pasco County. She founded and chairs the Pasco Economic Development Council's International Committee and serves as vice chair of both Community Economic and Workforce Development and the International Economic Development Task Force with the National Association of Counties (NACo), where she is also a Board of Directors member.

A strong advocate for workforce training, Starkey is the co-founder and chair of AmSkills, a regional apprenticeship program preparing individuals for careers in manufacturing and skilled trades. She also serves as chair of the Florida Association of Counties Federal Policy Committee, a member of the Legislative Executive Committee, a member of the Pasco-Hernando Workforce Consortium, and chair of the Pasco County Tourist Development Council.

Passionate about outdoor recreation, Starkey remains actively involved in efforts to expand trails and greenways across Pasco County and the Tampa Bay area. Over the years, she has received numerous accolades for her leadership, including recognition as International Woman of the Year and the Vision Zero Hero Award for her contributions to public safety and transportation improvements.



2025

Women of Distinction Honoree

Ann Shaler



Ann Shaler is the market executive for Bank of America Tampa Bay, responsible for strategic planning, coordinating local philanthropic contributions, managing events and sponsorships, and facilitating relationships with community and opinion leaders.

With more than 35 years at Bank of America, Shaler previously served as a senior client manager in global commercial banking, where she provided financial service solutions to nonprofit and government sectors.

Committed to community service, Shaler serves as vice chair of the board of trustees for the Tampa Theatre and is an active member of the LEAP Tampa Bay Leadership Council, supporting initiatives that expand access to higher education.

A graduate of Denison University in Ohio, Shaler and her husband, Jim, have two grown children. Shaler is known for her commitment to community partnerships and her ability to connect organizations and individuals to create meaningful impact. Through her leadership, she continues to support initiatives that strengthen the Tampa Bay community.

2025

Hall of Fame Inductee

Maruchi Azorin



Maruchi Azorin is the founder and owner of Villa Rosa Distinctive Linens, one of Tampa's most successful specialty stores, celebrating 40 years in business. She was recognized as the 2010 Entrepreneur Business Woman of the Year by the Tampa Bay Business Journal and honored as a 2010 Girl Scout Woman of Distinction.

A magna cum laude graduate of the University of Florida, she earned both an MBA and BA and was the first Hispanic woman inducted into the UF Student Hall of Fame and Florida Blue Key's Leadership Honorary.

Azorin has been a dedicated community leader for decades. She was appointed to the City of Tampa Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council in 1987, where she founded the Latinos Unidos Luncheon, which has helped fund college scholarships for over 100 Hispanic students at USF, the University of Tampa, and Hillsborough Community College. She remains the council's longest-serving member.

She was the first Hispanic woman to serve on the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Board and chaired the MOSI Board of Directors, where she launched the National Hispanic Scientist of the Year initiative. She also served two terms on the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida Board of Directors and was named Hispanic Woman of the Year in 1999.

Born in Cuba, she immigrated to the U.S. in 1960 following her family's business nationalization during the Cuban Revolution. She and her husband, Dr. Rafael W. Blanco, are proud parents of their son, Juan Carlos.

2025

Women *of* Distinction Honorary Chairs



Lissette Campos



Felicia Harvey



Debbie White

Girl Scouts of West Central Florida is grateful to our 2025 Women of Distinction Honorary Chairs who have all been honored previously as Women of Distinction and Hall of Fame Inductees.

Thank you to [Lissette Campos](#), [Felicia Harvey](#), and [Debbie White](#), for continuing to be champions for Girl Scouts and all women leaders.

Nominations *are* Now Open!
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A History of Women of Distinction

In 1992, Girl Scouts USA celebrated their 80th anniversary and introduced a National Women of Distinction honor to the celebration. Councils throughout the country began recognizing women who had made extraordinary accomplishments in their communities. Locally, the first Suncoast Council Women of Distinction event nominated women from our membership. The event focused on career opportunities, as the Women of Distinction held panel discussions for Girl Scout members.

Former Hillsborough County Commissioner Jan Platt was instrumental in moving the Women of Distinction recognition to the next level in 1994. That year, a committee was introduced to solicit nominations, a special reception to honor the women was held, and the women received a recognition pin created by a local artist. The focus also shifted toward a mentoring program for Girl Scouts working to achieve their Gold Award.

Over the next few years, the event solidified its importance within the community. Sponsors came forward to help recognize these outstanding women while supporting the Girl Scouts. In 1995, Gayle Sierens, co-anchor of the evening news for WFLA, came on board as the Emcee, a tradition that would last for the next 15 years, and gave the event local television coverage.

From 1992 through 2001, Girl Scouts recognized close to 250 women. As the event became increasingly popular locally in 2002, the Women of Distinction reception became an annual signature fundraising luncheon. Additionally, the number of women recognized for the award each year was limited to four to increase the prestige of the recognition.

A key component in making this move a success was introducing a keynote speaker. The first woman in space, Sally Ride, was our first keynote speaker.

She started a long tradition of esteemed speakers, including Jenna Bush Hager, Leeza Gibbons, Jane Goodall, Soledad O'Brien, Alma Powell, Mary Lou Retton, Jehan Sadat, Jane Seymour, and Marlo Thomas, who spoke at the annual awards ceremony.

In 2013, an additional honor was introduced, the Young Woman of Promise, to honor a deserving young woman under 40. In 2016, the Women of Distinction Hall of Fame honor was created to recognize former Women of Distinction recipients who continued their passionate service to the community long after receiving their initial award.

In 2020 and 2021, the event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Girl Scouts pivoted to host a virtual series of Trefoil Talks with past Women of Distinction and other women leaders to inspire Girl Scouts and early career alumnae. Today, we celebrate 33 years of honoring extraordinary women with this prestigious award.

Special Thanks

to the volunteers who shared this rich history:

Marion Rich

2002 Woman of Distinction *and*
Hall of Fame Inductee, Lifetime Girl Scout
and long-time GSWCF Board Member

Jean Kohler

Retired Lt. Col. Jean M. Kohler
1992 Woman of Distinction *and* Lifetime
Girl Scout *and* Past President of Suncoast
Girl Scouts Council *and* Board Development
Committee Member

Women of Distinction

The Women of Distinction Event began in 1992 to recognize the importance that female role models play in the lives of young women. This distinguished group of past Women of Distinction honorees continue to provide inspiration, leadership, and support for girls served by Girl Scouts of West Central Florida.

Jan Abell 1995*
Emeline Acton 1998
Melanie Adams-Miller 1992
Marion C Albanese 1992
Lavonne Alberti 1992
Betty Alfano 1992*
Mary Wyatt Allen 1992*
Marilyn Alvarez 2024
Karen Arch 1995
Rosemary E Armstrong 2017
Kathleen Assimack 1992
Beverly A Austin 2007
Maruchi Azorin 2010
Helen V Baines 1992
Sally L Baldwin 2005*
Joanne M Baldy 1998
Lucille Barcellona 1992*
Fran Barford 1992
Alison Barlow 2024
Beverly Barnett 2001
Carol J Barnett 2008*
Heather Barrow 2014
Dore Beach 2019
Sarah Beasley 2011
Jeanette Benefield 1995
Trimeka Benjamin 2023
Gracia Bennish 1997
Catherine Bessant 2001[∞]
Susan B Betzer 1994
Colleen Bevis 1996*
Mabel H Bexley 1995*
Dee Blanchard 1992
Susan Blanchard 1998
Sara L Bowen 1997
Helen Brandell 1992
Karen Brandell 1992
Shelley Broader 2007
Gayle Brooks 1992
Elsie S Brown 1996*

Rebecca A Brown 1999*
Kim Brubaker 1996
Esther G Bryant 1992
Catherine Lynch Buckhorn 2017
Susan C Bucklew 1996
Janet Burdeno 1992
Moirra J Burke 1992
Phyllis Busansky 1999*
Sylvia D Campbell 2001[∞]
Lisette Campos-Perez 2018
Maria P Cantonis 2007
Carol Cargill 1992*
Sylvia M Carley 1992*
Betty Lee Carlton 1995*
Willa Carson 2001*
Marilyn A Carter 1999
Kathalin Carvalho 2023
Janice B Case 1996
Betty Castor 1999[∞]
Jane Castor 2011
Alice C Changstrom 1998*
Colleen Chappell 2020
Kathy B Church 1992
Susan Churuti 2010
Veronica Cintron 2023
Louise Clarke 1992
Denise Coburn 1992
Vanessa Negron Cohn 1992
Lucy D Cole 2000
Shirley Coletti 1994
Elaine M College 1995*
Janice C Collier 1997
Chloe Coney 1996
Altrichia A Cook 2016
Mary E Corbett 1992
Lenore Gundy Costello 2015
Irmina Couret 1992
Molly Crews 2014
Gail A Crosby 1992

Faye B Culp 1997
Gay Culverhouse 1992*
Maureen R Daly 2002
Phyllis Davis 1995
Wanda Davis 1992*
Maria J De Q. Azorin 1995
Sandra Delancey 1992
Robin DeLaVergne 2012
Susan E Dellinger 1996
Arlene DiBenigno 2019
Liz Dimmitt 2023
Deirdre Dixon 2012
Erin Dosdourian 1992*
Gladys E Douglas Hackworth 2006*
Ann M Doyle 1998
Nettie Draughon 1994*
Fentrice D Driskell 2018
Holly H Duncan 2003
Karen Brown Dunlap 2005
Gen. (Ret.) Ann E Dunwoody 2024
Dorothy E Ebersbach 1996*
Ruth B Eckerd 2005*
Joan Eddy-Brigham 1994
Doretha Edgecomb 2017
Winifred Ekman 1992*
Pat Engelhardt-Provence 1994
Amy Epstein 1998
Mary Jim Everidge 1992*
Jackie A Everidge 1994
Sharon Everidge 1996*
Jeanette LaRussa Fenton 1996
Angeles Ferlita 2008
Rose V Ferlita 2009
Cecelia Ferman 1995
Yolanda Fernandez 1992*
Diana D Ferreira 1992
Adelaide G Few 1997
Chloe Firebaugh 2018
Patricia Flores 1994

Evelyn Folliot 2015
 Liana F Fox 1999[∞]
 Patricia C Frank 1996
 Joanne H Frazier 1999
 Sandra Freedman 1994
 Corinne Freeman 1994*
 Mary M Freeman 1992*
 Yvonne Fry 2016
 Alexandra Frye 1996
 Adrienne M Garcia 2002
 Rita Garvey 1996
 Judy Genshaft 2006
 Jean H Gibson 2012
 Donna E Glausser 1992
 Stephanie Goforth 2018
 Louise Gonzalez 1992
 Margarita Gonzalez 1992*
 Adela Gonzmart 1994*
 Shirley Goodchild 1992
 Helen Gordon-Davis 1995*
 Jeanne G Gossman 1992*
 Melanie S Griffin 2017
 Dotti Groover-Skipper 2014
 Cheryl Guldenschuh 1998
 Elizabeth Gutierrez 2022
 Patty Haislop 1992
 Susan C Hale 1992
 Martha R Hall 1997*
 Kim A Hanna 2001
 Arndreeta L Harris 1994
 Felicia Harvey 2013
 Hazel S Harvey 1993
 Kathy Hayes 1992
 Wanda Hayes-Riddick 1997*
 Paula Heald 1992
 Diana Heath 1996
 Ann Hensler 1992*
 Lois Henton 1992
 Mercedes Hernandez 1992
 Ann Hildebrand 1992
 Sally S Hill 2009
 Alma S Hires 1992[∞]*
 Connie Hogan 1992
 Doris Hogan 1992
 Mary Rose Holmes 1996
 Julianne Holt 1997[∞]
 Charlene E Honeywell 2001
 Martha Hood 1998
 Pam Iorio 2004
 Karen Jacobs 1995*

Diane Jamai 1996
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 Delma Jay 1992*
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 Katurah Jenkins-Hall 1994
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 Rita Lowman 2019
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 Jeanne Malchon 1995*
 Phyllis Marshall 1994*
 Sadye Martin 1994*
 Dorothy Mason 2000*
 Vanessa Maternowski 2022
 Roxann Mayros 2000
 Jeane A McCarthy 1994
 Catherine McGarry 2000
 Julianne C McKeel 2000
 Paige McRight 1992
 Mary Melvin 1992
 Karen R Mertes 2015
 Elise Minkoff 2013
 Dorothy S Mitchell 2005*

Judy A Mitchell 1998
 Karen Moffitt 1992
 Annetta Monroe 1992
 Carolyn Morgan 1992
 Carol Morsani 2010
 Paddy K Moses 1992
 Patricia B Moss 2003
 Audre P Mossberg 1999*
 Patricia Mulieri 1998*
 Pamela Muma 2016
 Sandra L Murman 2004
 Ann L Murphey 1995*
 Heather A Nagy 1994
 Ginny Nash 1992
 Geri Nelson 1992
 Pamela Neuhaus 1995
 Karen Nicolai 1992
 Cam Oberting 1997
 Ardie Paetz 1992
 Elinor J Paladine 1992
 Alma Palonis 1992*
 Bess Paloumpis 1992*
 Jeanette Parke 1992
 Sallie A Parks 2018*
 Mary Parlett 1994
 Pallavi Patel 2006
 Betty Patton 1999*
 Eunice M Penix 1995
 Jane Peppard 2000
 Elaine Perry 1992
 Peggy Peterman 1992*
 Kathleen Peters 2020
 Joy Petit 1995*
 Ruth Pierson 1992
 Fay Pino 1992
 Barbara J Pittman 1992
 Jan K Platt 1992[∞]*
 Ann Porter 1997
 Debra Prewitt 1995
 Mary Preziosi 1992
 Gaile Rametta 1992
 Patricia B Randall 1992
 Carolyn B Reed 1999
 Jeanette G Renfrow 1995
 Adelaida D Reyes 1994
 Marion R Rich 2002[∞]
 Nancy M Ridenour 2014
 Patricia B Riggs 1997
 Anne H Rimbey 1997
 Eleanor J Rimes 1994*

Jessica Rivelli 2020
 Marion S Rodgers 1992*
 Anna Rodriguez 2016
 Barbara B Romano 1996
 Margarita Romo 2000
 Robin L Rosenberg 1998
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 Thelma P Rothman 2007*
 Christa Rowe 1992
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 Elaine F Shimberg 1994*
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 Natalie Taliaferro 1992
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 Lorna Taylor 2013
 Phyllis Taylor 1992
 Sherrie Teddy 1998
 Stella F Thayer 1995
 Sylvia McCardel Thomasson 1992
 Sally Thompson 1996
 Cathy Tileston 1992
 Seretha Tinsley 2010
 Candy Tremmel 1992
 Celeste K Valdez 1999
 Renée Vaughn 2015[∞]
 Jenna Venero 1997
 Sylvia H Walbolt 1995
 Bette S Walker 1998*
 Diana Walker 2024
 Martha Rudy Wallace 2006
 Laura L Waller 1992
 Robin Warren 2013
 Leslie Waters 2014
 Joe Elena Weachter-Heinz 1992*
 Doris L Weatherford 1996
 Lauren Weiner 2020
 Margaret Whaley 1996*
 Debbie J White 2017
 Tonjua Williams 2020
 Belinda F Wilson 2004
 Judy Wilson 2013
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 Jean G Wittner 2008*

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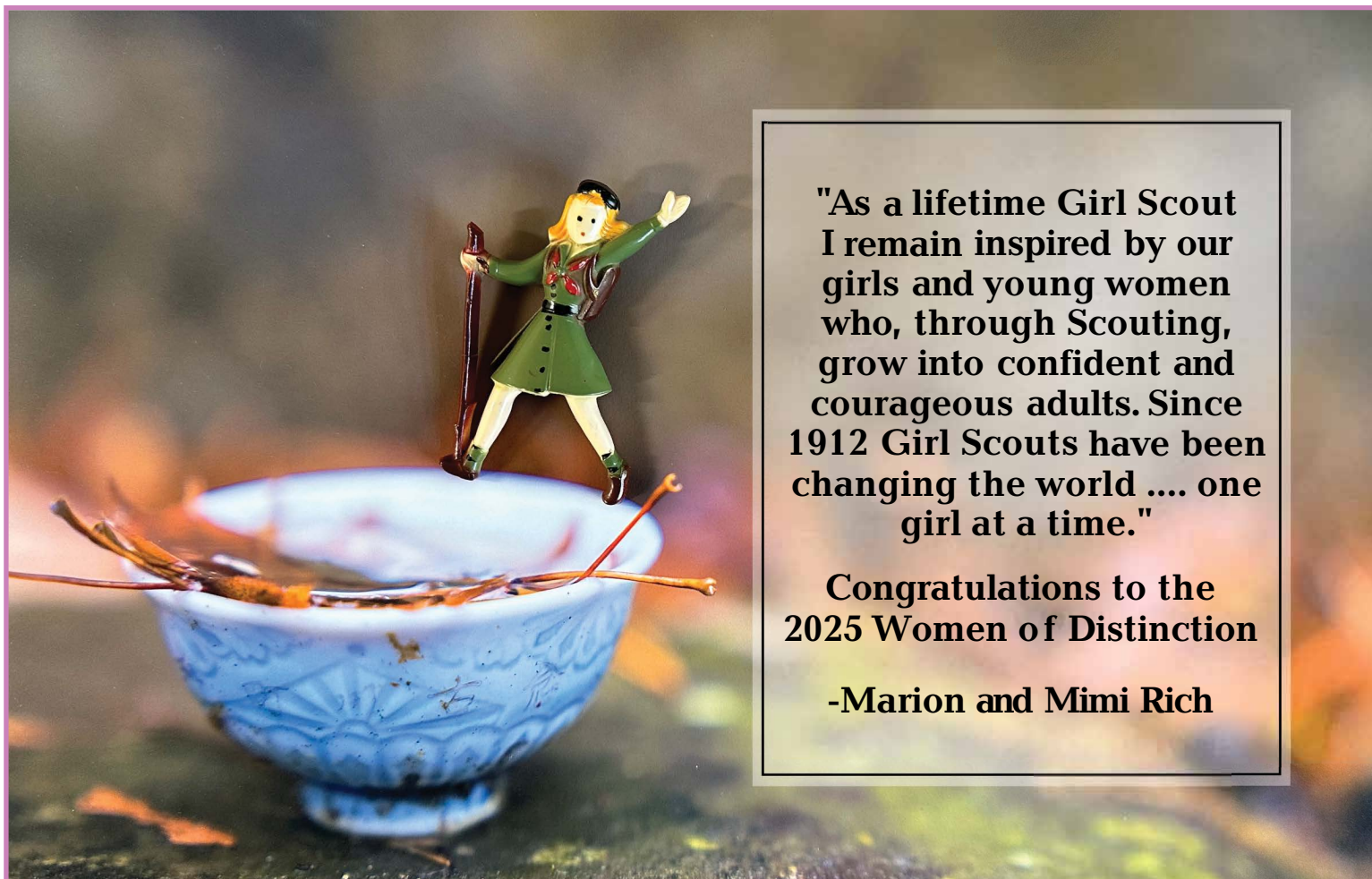
Margarita Gonzalez

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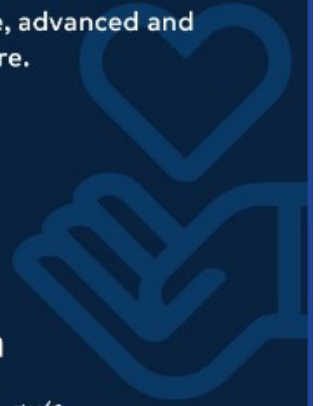


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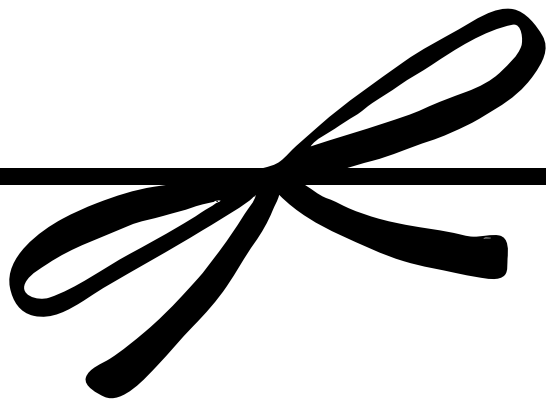
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You are trailblazers and role
models for our Girl Scouts!

Thank you for all you do!

Mary Pat & Eric King



Congratulations to the 2025 Women of Distinction!
Thank you for your ongoing leadership and support of GSWCF!

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was established to honor individuals who have included Girl Scouts of West Central Florida in their estate plan. It is comprised of a diverse group of donors across a wide range of ages and income levels who have one common connection—a desire to ensure that Girl Scouting makes a strong and vital impact for years to come.

If you would like to learn how you can become a member of the Juliette Gordon Low Society, please contact **Clara Moll, Chief Development Officer** at 813-262-1768 or cmoll@gswcf.org.



Daisy's Circle

Bring her promise to life

Named after Girl Scouts founder Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low, **Daisy's Circle** is Girl Scouts of West Central Florida's monthly giving program designed to cultivate philanthropy among friends, members, alumnae, and volunteers of Girl Scouts. Funds raised through Daisy's Circle ensures every girl in our eight-county footprint has a high quality Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

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