

2020 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CEREMONY

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2020 Volunteer Recognition Program

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Letter from the CEO and Board of Directors Chair

DEAR HONOREE,

Congratulations on your achievement and recognition! We are thrilled to honor our fearless leaders, empowering role models, and innovative event organizers who volunteer their time and resources to girls every day.

Some volunteer experiences are universal, no matter where in the Greater Los Angeles area or the number of girls involved—the sisterhood, the fun-filled learning opportunities, and the many special relationships among our girls and leaders. Other experiences are unique. Maybe you mustered more patience than you thought you had because a girl needed you. Maybe you instinctually erupted in mama bear fashion when you felt like one of your girls needed protection. Maybe, even though you'd had a long day and wanted nothing more than to put your feet up, you took one of your girls on one last cookie walkabout to help her reach her goal. These extra moments that only you may recall are the experiences that change you.

And through your willingness to change—to expand your patience, to create safe spaces, to go the extra mile—you give Girl Scouts room to change and grow...

...into creative thinkers

...into change-makers

...into tomorrow's leaders.

You prepare our Girl Scouts to venture out and live our mission of making the world a better place. You bring both joy and meaning to each girl's life and you provide them with opportunities only possible through our sisterhood. For your remarkable efforts, you have our deepest gratitude and respect.

Yours in Girl Scouting,



Theresa Edy-Kiene
Chief Executive Officer



Shelley Thompson
Board of Directors Chair



2020 Volunteer Awardees

THANKS BADGE

Sharon Lei Hager
Tammie Scott

PLATINUM SERVICE AWARD

Hiromi Asada
Priya Bradfield
Bonnie George
Debie Hess-Wakeland
Janet KC-Jordan
Susan Stahl
Jill Kramer

HONOR PIN

Deb Baum
Marisa Gallo
Renee Groskreutz
Gloria Halfacre
Linda Harmon
Linda Haverman
Heather Hetrick
Sue Hillendahl
Karla Hufenbach
Barbara Karpp
Lynn Mack-Costello
Patti McGlothlin
Christina Rice
Sue Skaggs
Francesca Taylor
Tania Van Herle
Bethany Varney

APPRECIATION PIN

Ashley Abdalla
Stacey Adler
Lissa Alfred
Alisa Allen
Carolyn Alves
Denise Amato-Spinoglio
Melissa Applebaum-Schwarz
Marta Archer
Melinda Arentsen
Korina Arvizu
Julie Ast
Amy Baker
Kristen Ballew
Andrea Barker
Leila Barth
Marie Beausoleil
Chrissa Belliveau
Heather Berger
Janice Bertola-Archer
Nicola Bird
Nicole Black
Donna Boyd-Grey
Carol Briggs
Mia Britel
Nancy Cammarata
Shanowa Canada
Molly Canales

Jessica Cardenas
Samantha Carpenter
Jessica Centonze-Moll
Heather Chaffee
Rosario Choa
Catherine Clark
Arcelia Clementson
Grace Coopman
Martha Cortez
Jennifer Cowan
Sharon Crowther
Jennifer Crull
Mercedes Cruz
Becky Cunningham
Laurie Daghigh
Suzanne Dehmel
Susan Diamond
Maria Escareno
Becky Fish
Michele Flynn
Liisa Froggatt
Kathleen Gapud
Bridgette Garcia
Diane Garcia
Megan Garcia
Laura Garvin
Maribel Gershman
Lisette Gold
Jennifer Graham
Jennifer Gruber
Sara Gustafson
Sandra Hardy
Camee Harvey
Monica Hernandez
Alec Hobbs
Michelle Hubbard
Erin Huey
Amanda Jamison
Renee Jensen
Jennifer Jones
Julie Justus Mcginity
Jaclyn Khitikian
Brooke King
Kim Kinsey
Chiaki Klapper
Toni Lampe
Samantha Lavin
Marie Lim
Melissa Lynch
Nicole Maggi
Arlene Mansour
Megan Martin
Nancy Martin
Astrid Martinez-Fribourg
Anna Maschek
Stacey Mays
Aarti McDonald
Mary McDougal
Kathy McGoff
Maureen McLaughlin
Helen McNamee
Tricia McReynolds
Carmen Melendrez

Beverly Merrill
Beth Miles
Holly Miller
Julie Miller
Lisa Minkler
Jennifer Mitchell
Lisa Moore
Audrey Morchy
Joe Morchy
David Moreno
Cristina Morrison
Dawn Muench
Jeannette Mullins
Susan Murray
Catherine Myman-Kaplan
Marlene Neal
Eileen Nozaki
Teresa Nugent
Erika Nutting
Paul Oliver
Ted Oyama
Christina Ozenne
Mia Padilla-Schubert
Veronica Pagan
Alice Park
Wen-Chia Parker
Natalie Pentolino
Coralyn Peirson
Bernie Perry
Claudia Pichardo Guardado
Erin Pieronek
Susana Plazola
Aileen Poehls
Kate Redmond
Candance Reeley
Mara Richards
Nancy Richardson
Kanon Riecks
Carrie Robertson
Claudia Romero Prestine
Jennifer Rootes
Natalie Rosemond-Sewer
Danielle Sager-Ebling
Marisa Sakaguchi-Kelly
Sara Sanchez-Carrillo
Sheridan Sanders
Jasmin Sandidge
Jennifer Sarceno
Ann Sera
Arzeena Shariff
Alisha Shoeht
Carly Small
Charity Smith
Susan Smith
Beverly Speak
Amber Spence
Mel Spence
Patrica Stanard
Lisa Starr
Jodilynne Steiner
Rachael Suarez
Tawnia Suggs
Chara Swodeck

Mali Teisan
Mary Tesselaar
Audrey Thompson
Diana Tisnado
Darlene Torres
Thu-Thao Tran-Chang
Carmen Vargas
Kathy Vigil
Reyna Villalobos
Kyla Von Dippe
Michele Wahlig
Yolanda Williams
Lisa Working
Victoria Yamashita
Holly Yang

GIRL FUND AWARD

Team Walawi
Team Blue Madonna

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Rancho Foothill
Alhambra/Rosemead/SFT
Bonita
CV/Glendale
La Canada
South Pasadena
West Covina
Crown Poppies
Gateway
Compton
Bellflower/Hollymount
Westchester/Del Rey
RDE
La Brea Heights
King Harbor
North Redondo
Marina
Palisades/Malibu
Burbank
Westside
Las Virgenes
Palmdale
Canyon Star
Woodland Hills
Twin Oaks
Heart of the Valley
Stoneyridge
North River

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles thanks our Juliette Gordon Low Society members for honoring future generations of Girl Scouts.

Corrine Abel
LaNease Adams
Lissa Alfred
Eva and Erik Andersen
Lisa Axelrod
Carolyn Baker
David A. and Julie Battaglia
Julie and Kenneth Beals
Dianne Belk and Lawrence Calder
Betty Berdiansky
Steve Bolkovatz
Gail I. Boyle
Moirra Brady
Betsey L. Brewer
Michele Broadnax
Chrystal Broesel
Constance L. Burg
Jessica Cardenas
Katy Carlson
Charles Carroll
Elizabeth Chadwick
Hailyn J. Chen
Debbie Cook
Patricia A. and Curtis Crider
Phyllis E. Currie
Christine A. Dean and Rosemary C. Veniegas
Carol M. Dedrich
Steven DePaul

Katharine DeShaw and Mark McConnell
Juanita Doplemore
Barry and Peggy Edwards
Natalie Farrar Adams and Stacy Adams
Marie J. Fouts
Diana Freeman
Liisa and Michael Froggatt
Megann Giardino
Linda Griffey
Diane K. Grohulski
Gloria and Bob Halfacre
Erika Homan
Bernice Horst
Denise Hsu
Shannon Johnston
Theresa Edy-Kiene and Matt Kiene
Sherry Lapidis
Lise L. Luttgens
Lynn Mack-Costello and Joseph Costello
Marilyn and Dale Marshall
Megan Martin and Brian Long
Toni Martinez-Burgoyne and Rod Burgoyne
Kelly and Jason Maxwell
Gina McLeod
Eleanor Moninger
Ann Moore
Frances and Richard Moreno
Kathryn E. Nielsen

Denise and Ken Nowack
Adrienne Pacheco
Marie Hamer Parco
Melissa and Martino Pepe
Sharis Peters
Aileen O. Poehls
Ruth Post
Janice Rector
Elisabeth Rendeiro
Debbie Reynolds
Leanne J. Rodgers
Sylvia and Paul Rosenberger
Margaret Rosenthal
Shamira Sadler
Danielle Sager-Ebling
Ron Schrantz
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Steve Shelton
Chara Swodeck
Cortney Szlemp
Francesca Taylor
Cindy and Ben Tenn
Shelley B. Thompson
Marie-Louise and Kenneth Van Horne
Janet Whaley and Steven Preston
Brenda J. Zamzow
Margaret B. Zarate



It isn't a question of why we would leave a legacy gift to the Girl Scouts; it is a question of why wouldn't we?



- Dianne Belk and Lawrence Calder

Juliette Gordon Low Society Founding Chairs and Members



***Leave your leadership legacy.
Join the Juliette Gordon Low Society.***

For information, please email us at giving@girlscoutsla.org.

Thanks Badge



The Thanks Badge recognizes an adult volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to the council or the entire Girl Scout Movement by taking a leadership role at the council level, expanding membership growth and retention, increasing funding, and innovating council-wide program opportunities.

2020 Thanks Badge Recipients



SHARON LEI HAGER

Woodland Hills

Sharon does so much not only as a Service Unit Manager, but as a troop leader for her Cadette troop and a troop leader for her legacy troop Mystic Yankee. She also supports the Outdoors with events such as Gathering of All Mariners and TAMBU (Circle of Tents). In addition to leading a very successful service unit team, she very often goes out of her way to assist other service unit managers by lending them a listening ear, giving her best advice, and even helping run their events. Sharon readily assists GSGLA staff in Woodland Hills with events, trainings, and cookie cupboard distribution. Additionally, Sharon's work as a key volunteer for the highest awards is critical to GSGLA's success in the number of girls who earn their award year over year. She has the ability to help girls take an idea of changing the world to right sizing the project into a manageable and sustainable award. Sharon's hard work keeps leaders involved, connected, engaged and ready to provide the best possible program for the girls. This dedication results in high leadership retention. Retention and recruitment of leaders are essential in making sure there are troops for the girls, events for the troops to attend, a service unit team ready to support the troops, leaders and girls, and a program that helps the girls grow in their own courage, confidence, and character.



TAMMIE SCOTT

North Redondo Beach

Tammie has been instrumental in taking destinations and travel to the next level. Travel is one of the pathways that helps forge a girl's independence while introducing her to new cultures and experiences. Tammie has taken hundreds of girls on trips over the years. Additionally, she has taught them how to fundraise and budget for these trips. Her contributions towards the Gold Award are also highly commendable, as she is dedicated to the process and serves consistently on this committee to conduct monthly interviews and to act as a resource for girls wanting to earn their Gold Award. She is always able to fill in when volunteers are needed. Further, Tammie continues to create older girl programming. This in turn helps with older girl retention numbers. GSGLA has one of the highest retention rates in the country and her work is such a large contribution to that success. Tammy says her highlight of the 2018-19 membership year was taking 39 girls from across the U.S. on a two-week Destination trip to Australia and New Zealand. The girls had many first experiences and it was an amazing trip.

Platinum Service Award



The Platinum Service Award recognizes an outstanding adult volunteer who continues to give simultaneous service to her or his service unit as well as their region or the entire council for at least three years after receiving previous national awards. This council honor is awarded to an adult volunteer who served in two different positions simultaneously, including in the service unit and the region or the council; a volunteer who has provided consistent high-quality service beyond the expectations of the position and has given service in a manner that sets a positive example for others.

2020 Platinum Service Award Recipients



HIROMI ASADA

Puente Hills

“Through Girl Scouts we have brought a community together. We have taught girls to be stronger women.”



PRIYA BRADFIELD

Canyon Star

“My favorite moments last year were of seeing my troop having fun together (they were 10th graders then) and of seeing them plan events for younger girls like our Thinking Day event and our version of a Girl Scout Comic-Con.”



BONNIE GEORGE

Canyon Star

Bonnie created a caroling event for residents of a local seniors home during the holidays, which she continues every year. For Opening Ceremonies planning committee, she helps conduct a “postmortem” each year, reacting to feedback to improve the experience for future Girl Scouts and families.



DEBIE HESS-WAKELAND

Canyon Star

“Girl Scouts is an extended family for many girls. Girls connect with other girls that will be their life long friends. The girls learn what sisterhood means and get to have experiences that would not be available to them without scouting.”



JANET KC-JORDAN

Canyon Star

“Girl Scouts is a wonderful network of incredible women and men who help foster and encourage girls to believe in themselves, to try new things, to get outdoors, to travel and to experience the world with an open heart and open mind.”



SUSAN STAHL

Santa Monica Bay

“My highlight was making a 2-day, girl-led backpacking trip of 17 girls and 5 women in November of 2019 possible.”

2020 Platinum Award Recipients



JILL KRAMER

Canyon Star

“I believe Girl Scouts has been a huge asset to our community by allowing girls to participate in programs that inspire, empower, and motivate them to be everything they can be.”



Honor Pin



The Honor Pin is a national award that recognizes an adult volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to two or more service units or to a region. The awardee has significantly contributed to meeting one or more council goals in membership growth and retention, fund development, or increased community visibility in a region or two or more service units. She or he actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.

2020 Honor Pin Recipients



DEB BAUM

West Chester/Del Rey

“My highlight was being a Coach of the Golden Trefoils dragon boat team, and experiencing a dragon boat race with the girls, and their excitement at doing well in the race.”



MARISA GALLO

CV/Glendale

Marisa’s attention to detail has made her a near-expert on the ins and outs of Girl Scouting. Her patience and willingness to share that knowledge has made all who work with her infinitely better Troop Leaders, which in turn benefits Girl Scouts and girls.



RENEE GROSKREUTZ

PV/Penn

“Throughout several moves (from Texas to North Carolina and now to California) - Girl Scouts has been a safe haven to help both of my girls transition, make new friends quickly, and experience our new communities in special ways.”



GLORIA HALFACRE

Marina

“I see how much good Girl Scouts does for my community. The community service, sisterhood, and overall joy in our area is infectious.”



LINDA HARMON

Las Caballeras

“My highlight is being able to guide and mentor leaders and help them grow in their Girl Scout experience.”

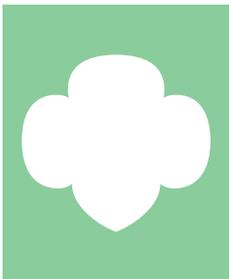


LINDA HAVERMAN

Southeast

“Participating in the all-council volunteer conference in August was really the highlight of my year. I enjoy sharing my 35 years of experience leading girls and helping new leaders navigate through their beginning years as a leader.”

2020 Honor Pin Recipients



HEATHER HETRICK

Lakewood

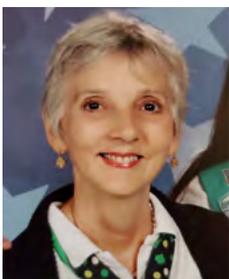
Heather is full-blooded Girl Scout. She loves working with girls and loves sharing the skills needed to run a successful troop. Heather wears many hats in Girl Scouts and is always willing to help at the conferences. Her workshops are fun and full of information that the leaders can take back to their troops.



SUE HILLENDAHL

Mission Valley

“Girl Scouting impacts the community by allowing girls to learn, grow, and give back to the community through participation and leadership opportunities.”



KARLA HUFENBACH

Southeast

“Girl Scouts has been an important part of my life for so many years. My mom was my leader then training partner. I was my daughter’s leader, and now she’s a leader too. Three generations of women passing on skills, friendship, and fun.”



BARB KARPP

North River

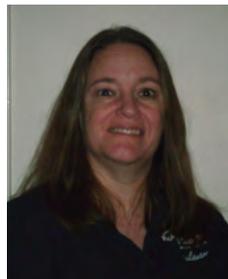
“The highlight from last year was watching my daughter work on her Gold Award.”



LYNN MACK-COSTELLO

Palisades/Malibu

“Service and Take Action projects, beautifully executed by our Girl Scouts, are making a positive impact in the community. It’s truly inspiring.”



PATTI MCGLOTHLIN

Westside

“Girl Scouts is a chance for girls to grow and become more confident in themselves. Girl Scouts prepares girls for college, careers, and beyond.”



CHRISTINA RICE

CV/Glendale

“The highlight of my year was the launching of the Girl Scouts Los Angeles Public Library Patch Program, which I helped design. We launched the program with an event at Central Library, where I am employed, and the 100+ Scouts running around was magnificent.”



SUE SKAGGS

Westchester/Del Rey

“The highlight of my year was starting the dragon boat team, Golden Trefoils, for girls coming from all over the Council. Learning new skills, training the girls and preparing for the Summer and Fall race season was awesome.”



FRANCESCA TAYLOR

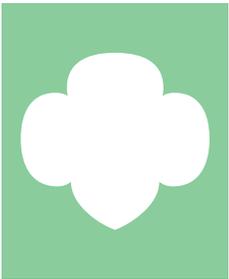
Palisades/Malibu

“Mentoring three Senior Girl Scouts in my troop to complete their Gold Awards was a shimmering highlight in my life as a leader. Their work lives forward, brightening compromised communities in Mexico and Italy. For me, it was an honor beyond compare.”



TANIA VAN HERLE

“As a Board Member for GSGLA, I have observed how the Girl Scouts have impacted the Greater Los Angeles Community in so many positive ways. The Gold Awards certainly demonstrate the depth and breadth of impact that the girls have on the community.”



BETHANY VARNEY

Westside

Bethany’s generosity and kindness has allowed her to welcome all in need, whether that be a foster child with a dream to join Girl Scouts or to extend a helping hand to a Juliette selling cookies with her troop. This generosity moves her to assist beyond what many others would be willing to do.



Appreciation Pin



The Appreciation Pin recognizes an adult volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to at least one service unit. The honoree has significantly contributed to meeting one or more council goals in membership growth, retention, fund development, or increased community visibility in one service unit.

2020 Appreciation Pin Recipients



ASHLEY ABDALLA

Woodland Hills

“Girl Scouts has given girls opportunities to explore new activities and achieve anything they set their minds to do without doubting themselves.”



STACEY ADLER

Canyon Star

“I think that Girl Scouts has a very important role in assisting our local community. Our troop, along with our service unit, are very active in helping local food banks, donating to animal shelters, and striving to make the world a better place!”



LISSA ALFRED

Holly Hills

“My ‘community’ is ALL of GSGLA as I share my time with all service units and belong to no one specific unit. GSGLA has increased their presence in a positive way in all of L.A. with increased media coverage of outstanding service events.”



ALISA ALLEN

Rancho Calabasas

“Girls Scouts is a safe place where young girls can have amazing learning experiences that will help to shape them into the wonderful women they will become.”



MELISSA APPLEBAUM-SCHWARTZ

Palisades/Malibu

“Girl Scouts has brought our girls together to form lifelong friendships, allowed us to service our community, and have adventures beyond our wildest imaginations.”



MARTA ARCHER

CV/Glendale

“Girl Scout teaches girls that they are important; that they can make a difference in the world. Girls aren’t any less than boys and scouting proves that.”

2020 Appreciation Pin Recipients



MELINDA ARENTSEN
Manhattan Beach

“My highlight for this past year was watching several members of our troop earn their Gold Awards, and talking with those who didn’t know about all the great things they’ve done and learned over the years.”



KORINA ARVIZU
East LA

“My multigenerational Latino American community is new to Girl Scouts. I believe Girl Scouts serves my community by empowering a new generation of go-getters to step outside often traditionally restrictive gender roles.”



JULIE AST
PV/Penn

“Girls Scouts is more than just a word, it is a feeling and a movement that is bigger than me. Personally, I love that my whole family, husband and all, are Girl Scouts. Together, our family has built a legacy that I am proud of, and grateful for.”



MARIA AVILA-ESCARENO
Puente Hills

“Girl Scouts has allowed our troop to be aware of the needs in our community. Many of the events we organize throughout the year enrich and better our neighborhoods and the people in need that live around us.”



AMY BAKER
Palisades/Malibu

“Girl Scouts gives girls in our community a chance to hone their leadership skills. It empowers them and allows them to try new things and have experiences they might not otherwise have.”



ANDREA BARKER
Manhattan Beach

“When I think about Girl Scouts, I think about the invaluable experience our girls have had growing up together. As friendships change and the troop evolves, our girls can still find their place together and share memories and goals for the future.”



LEILA BARTH
Rancho Calabasas

“Girl Scouts has provided many leadership opportunities for myself and the girls in my troop. It continues to be an amazing journey, watching them grow and change over the years, and I’m excited for many of them as they pursue the Gold Award.”



MARIE BEAUSOLEIL
RDE/Sil-Dom

“My GS highlight for this year was when our troop did the 2019 Girl Guide World Thinking Day program we ordered from the UK. We learned so much about worldwide plastic waste and what countries are doing to combat this crises.”

2020 Appreciation Pin Recipients



HEATHER BERGER

Twin Oaks

“Girl Scouts has opened my eyes to many different opportunities, adventures, new skills, and new friends. Girl Scouts truly is an adventure of one’s self and the world that surrounds us. Women’s and girls’ independence is key in Girl Scouts.”



JANICE BERTOLA-ARCHER

CV/Glendale

“The highlight for me is our annual Crescenta Valley-Glendale Twilight Camp. It has been a joy and a pleasure to be part of the Twilight Camp team for the past 14 years, watching girls learn and grow from campers to leadership positions.”



NICOLE BLACK

Las Virgenes

“My highlight this past year was being a speaker at the summer volunteer conference. In my three sessions, I gave leaders tools and tricks they can implement to inspire, model, and encourage our girls to act and speak with kindness more often.”



DONNA BOYD-GREY

Rancho Calabasas

“My highlight this past year was when my troop spent a weekend digging for gems at Oceanview Mine, near Temecula. It was physically hard work, but the 9th grade girls had a great time digging in the dirt, hauling buckets of rocks, and getting dirty looking for gems.”



CAROL BRIGGS

Burbank

“Girls Scouts helps girls learn confidence, make friends, and try new things. Girls Scouts has been flexible enough to allow each girl to be themselves but also work together and compromise while setting goals for the betterment of the troop.”



MIA BRITEL

Mia is a C-suite advisor with experience in delivering strategic enterprise-wide capabilities for global Fortune 500 companies. She also has a passion for developing future women leaders - a passion that has brought her to GSGLA.



SHANOWA CANADA

Lachen

“The highlight of my Girl Scout year was using my knowledge and experience to help motivate, inspire and educate other Girl Scouts and parents. Another highlight was watching my daughter exceed all of the goals she set for herself.”



MOLLY CANALES

Manhattan Beach

“Our Girl Scouts are an intricate part of community life in Manhattan Beach. They are represented at community events as volunteers, parade leaders, color guard, and so much more.”

2020 Appreciation Pin Recipients



SAMANTHA CARPENTER

Las Virgenes

“Girl Scouts has impacted my community by giving girls who may have had trouble fitting in, a place where they belong. GS has also provided the younger girls in our community the role models of older girl leaders.”



JESSICA CENTONZE-MOLL

Palmdale/Acton/Aqua Dulce

“GS is a place of security, curiosity, and growth. I love being a leader, watching my girls really discover the world around them. Growth in social, physical, mental, and emotional aspects is what makes GS such a wonderful experience for all involved.”



ROSARIO CHOA

San Marino

“Empowering girls is core to my personal mission. I am grateful to Girl Scouts for giving me the opportunity to nurture passionate and talented young ladies on their way to becoming advocates and leaders for causes they believe in.”



KATIE CLARK

South Pasadena

“My highlight this past year was celebrating 13 years of leading Troop 3981 with my Ambassador Girl Scouts (including four Gold Award Girl Scouts) before they headed off to college.”



ARCELIA CLEMENTSON

La Canada

“Girl Scouts is a big deal in La Canada because many young girls are already aspiring to earn the Gold Award. Our community has benefited from countless service projects (Bronze, Silver, and Gold) through the years.”



GRACE COOPMAN

North Redondo Beach

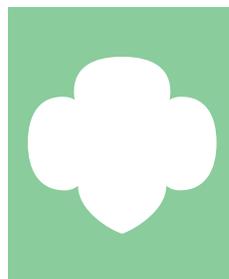
“Girl Scouts has built a symbiotic relationship with our community. Their presence is noticed and appreciated.”



SHARON CROWTHER

Puente Hills

“As a lifetime member of Girl Scouts, I have been a troop leader, troop organizer, school liaison, Junior level consultant, and special events volunteer with the Puente Hills service unit. My daughter and five troop members have earned the Gold Award.”



BECKY CUNNINGHAM

Westchester/Del Rey

“Girl Scouts is an opportunity for our girls to escape out of their “safe zone” all while knowing that they are truly safe because they are doing everything with their sisters who will be there for them should they fall.”

2020 Appreciation Pin Recipients



SUSAN DIAMOND

Marina

“My highlight was seeing three of my Ambassador Girl Scouts earn their Gold Awards. Their demonstrated leadership, commitment, and vision have made a positive and lasting impact on our community.”



BECKY FISH

Culver City

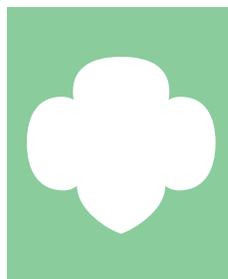
“My highlight this year was working to save the tradition, ‘A Girl Scout Sings,’ by teaching songs at Volunteer Conference, GSSNV’s Songfest Jamboree (and being mentioned by name in Melinda Carroll’s blog!), and many service unit and troop events across Southern California.”



MICHELE FLYNN

Burbank

“Girl Scouts means being the best woman possible for my girls and my community. This includes everything from leadership, strong business skills, and respect for others, to being honest, giving back, and being environmentally conscious.”



LIISA FROGGATT

North River

“Girl Scouts means lifelong experiences for both girls and adults that cannot be had at any other place.”



KATHLEEN GAPUD

Monrovia/Duarte

“Girl Scouts in our service unit are involved in many different community service projects that help the community. Our troop developed an anti-bullying video to address the issue of school bullying.”



BRIDGETTE GARCIA

River Trails

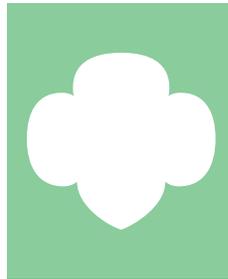
“I joined GS when I was six years old. GS helped shape me into the woman I am today by teaching me valuable life skills, to build friendships, to be kind and helpful, and to make the world a better place, which I hope in turn to teach and pass on to my troop.”



DIANE GARCIA

Southeast

“Girl Scouts has been a part of my life for many years. I, my daughter, my granddaughter, and my husband are all Girl Scouts. I truly value the ideals and traditions of the organization. Many life-long friendships have been made with Girl Scouts.”



MEGAN GARCIA

Puente Hills

“Girl Scouts is in my heart. It has made me who I am and it helps me create girls of our future.”

2020 Appreciation Pin Recipients



LAURA GARVIN

Mission Valley

“The longer a girl remains active in Girl Scouting the more she contributes to her community and becomes visible to that community. Giving service of oneself is a way of life that our organization fosters, it’s a rewarding life path.”



MARIBEL GERSHMAN

Bonita

“Girl Scouts: Enriching the girls’ lives through hands-on experiences, opening their imaginations to a world of possibilities in STEAM, outdoor activities, etc... Supporting and encouraging trial and error, teamwork, leadership skills, observations, and self patience.”



LISETTE GOLD

Santa Monica Bay

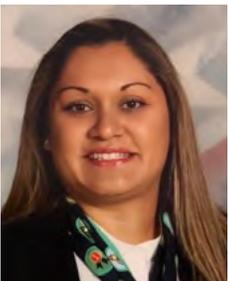
“My highlight was leading my troop to the top of Mt. Islip backpacking twice last year with Susan Stahl. Standing at 8,250 feet above mean sea level was empowering!! Girl Scouts can achieve anything they put their minds too. We are never too old to reach new heights.”



JENNIFER GRAHAM

South Torrance

“The ability to teach my daughters and their friends that women are strong, brilliant, and brave, and that we can make a positive difference in our communities. Also that we can help bless others, because we are truly blessed to live where we do.”



JENNIFER GRUBER

East LA

“Girl Scouts has impacted the community by giving girls the opportunity to become confident, strong, and independent women in the future and by breaking the traditional expectations our culture has expected them to accept and fulfill.”



SARA GUSTAFSON

Las Virgenes

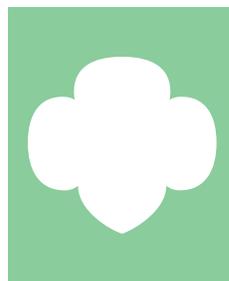
“A highlight for me as a leader was watching our 6th graders run their local World Thinking Day. They found so much pride in seeing the changes they made to the program get praised by all 180 attendees! They left that experience truly proud!”



SANDRA HARDY

North River

“Girl Scouts will always be a part of me. I’m part of a larger community of friends that share the same values and realize the importance of helping develop tomorrow’s youth while having fun. I keep meeting exceptional people and feel empowered!”



MONICA HERNANDEZ

Puente Hills

“To me, Girl Scouts means an opportunity... being able to provide opportunities to think BIG, to be leaders, to step out of our comfort zone, and to create new friendships and relationships. It means that we do things for others and not just ourselves.”

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MICHELLE HUBBARD
North River

“Girl Scouts has impacted my community by connecting girls to other girls. Girl Scouts has also given girls within the community an opportunity to make an impact for the greater good.”



AMANDA JAMISON
Claremont

“Girl Scouts in our community see needs, they plan to fill those needs, and they do so with joy in their hearts. We come together from so many different backgrounds, but yet we find commonality when we put on our vests and sashes.”



RENEE JENSEN
PV/Penn

“Girl Scouts means the opportunity to introduce girls to experiences they might not otherwise have. From tent camping for the first time to a week-long backpacking trip in the Sierras, it all goes towards the goal of developing confident young women.”



JENNIFER JONES
Summitrose

“Being with Girl Scouts has made me more aware of needs within the community and shows my daughters that any little deed can add up to a big change. Even just letting someone know that you care can make someone’s day.”



JULIE JUSTUS MCGINITY
Manhattan Beach

“For me, Girl Scouts offers the opportunity to invest in the leadership and character development of my daughters and their generation. Girl Scouting has given me much more than I have been privileged to give. Keep the Girl in ‘Scouting’!!”



BROOKE KING
Palisades/Malibu

“When working on Girl Scout projects, I see the girls overcome perceived differences that may create division in other environments. That example is such a positive influence.”



KIM KINSEY
Bonita

“Girl Scouts has impacted our community by providing girls with the outlet to become more confident leaders and give back to the community.”



SAMANTHA LAVIN
Twin Oaks

“The highlight of the last membership year was hitting our fundraising goal for Camp Lakota, raising over \$10k in just a few short months. The devotion of my Girl Scout community to support Camp Lakota is inspiring.”

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MARIE LIM

Alamitos/Marina

“Girl Scouts teaches girls how to be assertive and proud to participate in life.”



MELISSA LYNCH

Canyon Star

“I was proud when our Juniors completed their Junior Aide Award. They worked so hard. They are beginning to see how their leadership skills will play a part in everything they will achieve.”



NICOLE MAGGI

Burbank

“Camping with my Girl Scouts is always my highlight! We learn something new on each campout. Last year I took a Box Oven Baking Class at the Volunteer Conference. We had so much delicious fun putting that knowledge into action!”



MEGAN MARTIN

Megan began Girl Scouts in second grade and earned her Silver and Gold Awards. Megan served as a girl board member for Ocean County Girl Scouts Council, representing the organization at the 1993 Girl Scout National Convention.



NANCY MARTIN

Burbank

“The highlight for my troop and my co-leader last year was completing our Bronze Award. We worked through Together We Rise and a local foster care agency to bring duffel bags full of needed items to foster care kids.”



ANNA MASCHEK

Burbank

“Girl Scouts has brought kids and adults together in my community. I enjoy seeing parents that I might not have met otherwise and getting to know them, just like my daughter likes meeting new girls. Girl Scouts brings so many of us together.”



STACEY MAYS

Rancho Calabasas

“Girl Scouts has impacted our community by allowing girls to become aware of issues that need solving within our city. The Girl Scouts in our community have helped with the underprivileged, the elderly, pollution, animal care, and so much more.”



AARTI MCDONALD

Manhattan Beach

“I have two daughters and co-lead both of their troops. Through their involvement with Girl Scouts, I have seen them try new activities, develop and build unique leadership skills, and make lasting friendships.”

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TRICIA MCREYNOLDS

Westchester/Del Rey

“Girl Scouts means so much to me. It has introduced me to so many amazing women and girls. I love the sisterhood and friendships I have found, as well as the support and strength everyone gives each other.”



BEVERLY MERRILL

Burbank

“I believe Girl Scouts has helped develop a community of strong independent women who in turn help mold and shape the future leaders our girls will become.”



BETH MILES

North Torrance

“Girl Scouts gives girls the chance to go out, try new skills they might not have otherwise thought to explore like fire building, lashing, rappelling, and backpacking, to decide for themselves what they like to do.”



HOLLY MILLER

Monrovia/Duarte

“The biggest highlight this past year is having one of my girls finish her gold award.”



JENNIFER MITCHELL

Santa Monica Bay

“Girl Scouts means support, growth, and love to me. Our girls work so hard, as do we, to be part of a troop that we can be proud of together. It’s always fun to check in with the girls at our monthly meetings.”



AUDREY MORCHY

Mission Valley

“To us, Girl Scouts means forming long lasting friendships, having adventures and new experiences, and stepping outside of your comfort zone to try something new.”



JOE MORCHY

Mission Valley

“To us, Girl Scouts means forming long lasting friendships, having adventures and new experiences, and stepping outside of your comfort zone to try something new.”



CRISTINA MORRISON

San Pedro

“Girl Scouts has given girls from different parts of our community the opportunity to come together and build lifelong bonds. We are helping mold caring, strong, and independent go-getters for the community.”

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DAWN MUENCH

South Pasadena

“My highlight was watching all 12 of my Cadettes work hard in small groups on their Silver Award Projects.”



SUSAN MURRAY

Rancho Foothills

“I was a leader from 2000 to 2013, watching my Daisies eventually turn into Seniors. Some earned their Bronze Award, a few earned their Silver Award, and 4 earned their Gold Award. I watched them turn into confident young women. Now I’m on the Service Team helping leaders.”



CATHERINE MYMAN-KAPLAN

Santa Monica Bay

“A true highlight for me was my own troop completing both their Take Action Project and earning their Bronze Award within the same year. I feel so honored that I got to be a part of their successes!”



MARLENE NEAL

Marina

“My highlight was after several meetings my girls finally earned all of their Cybersecurity badges. Also another highlight was when my Junior girls participated in World Thinking Day and did a dance representing El Salvador.”



EILEEN NOZAKI

Belmont

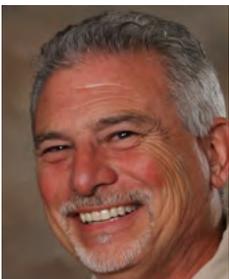
“Our troop 12135 has flourished at Nishihongwanji Buddhist Temple in downtown Los Angeles for 35 years. It is a mainstay organization, offering girls and volunteers a safe place to grow and aspire.”



ERIKA NUTTING

Manhattan Beach

“The highlight of my last year of Girl Scouts has been supervising my troop while they plan and prepare for an international trip to Our Chalet in Switzerland.”



PAUL OLIVER

Marina

“My highlight this year was running the Patrol Challenge that provided valuable real world life lessons, growth and - most importantly - leadership opportunities for over 400 Girl Scouts.”



TED OYAMA

Belmont

“Girl Scouts help others learn, grow, and expand their horizons.”

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CHRISTINA OZENNE
South Torrance

“Girl Scouts is a real world experience in a safe and fun way. I am proud to participate in a program that supports girls’ ambitions!”



MIA PADILLA-SCHUBERT
Rancho Foothills

“In the last year, I had the opportunity to see my rising Cadette troop take lead their own Girl Scout journey. Having them tell me without programs books or worksheets, with conviction, clarity, and a researched goal made me proud of these young women.”



ALICE PARK
Marina

“Girl Scouts has impacted us by encouraging us to discover issues within our local and global communities. The girls have found issues that speak to them individually and as a group and have found ways to support and promote causes important to them.”



WEN-CHIA PARKER
Marina

“Being a Girl Scout means having the spirit, creativity and power to make the world a better place for generations to come!”



NATALIE PENTOLINO
Bonita

“Girl Scouts meant a lot to me when I was a girl and being able to be my daughter’s troop leader the past 8 years has been very special. I love making memories with my daughter!”



ERIN PIERONEK
Manhattan Beach

“The Girls Scouts have created an environment of leadership, growth and support with their peers in their community.”



AILEEN POEHLS
Culver City

“Girl Scouts provides sisterhood through my life - providing connections and strong bonds of friendship with caring and supportive volunteers as we help everyone learn, expanding capabilities and reflecting on experiences.”



KATE REDMOND
CV/Glendale

“Girl Scouts is more than just knowing the basics to survive in the wilderness. It helps young girls grow up to be strong independent woman with the knowledge to achieve their biggest dreams.”

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MARA RICHARDS

Marina

“My highlight this year was finally getting to Disney World after talking about it since my troop were Daisies and bridging at Gatorland - zip-lining over alligators for their ceremony!”



KANON RIECKS

Marina

“My highlight every year with my troop is watching my troop grow and become more independent as Girl Scouts and young women. I feel lucky to have been a part of their world for the last 8 years.”



CARRIE ROBERTSON

Twin Oaks

“Where else can girls make so many choices for themselves? What to learn, how much to earn, where to go, and who to be with. The pure freedom and strength of days on the trail and nights under the stars. Preparation for life!”



CLAUDIA ROMERO PRESTINE

Palisades/Malibu

“One of the highlights was helping my daughters explore options for a Gold Award, finding where they can make a sustainable difference doing something they are passionate about.”



DANIELLE SAGER-EBLING

Marina

“Girl Scouts has given girls in our community access to programming, skills and adventures they normally wouldn't have had access to.”



JASMIN SANDIDGE

Puente Hills

“Girl Scouts gives the girls in our community an opportunity to shine. It teaches them life long skills while building lasting relationships. This year our Service Area has made over 200 port pillows to donate to cancer patients.”



ANN SERA

Gateway

“Girl Scouts impacts my community by giving girls the skills to give back to their community, and a voice to advocate for change.”



ARZEENA SHARIFF

Heart of the Valley

“Girl Scouts has given girls a forum to be able to express opinions freely, without being judged.”

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CARLY SMALL

Mission Valley

“Girl Scouts has given the girls in my community a platform to be themselves, grow as future leaders, develop their voice, achieve far beyond anything they could ever imagine, and create a safe space to support each other in their journeys.”



CHARITY SMITH

North River

“My community knows it can count on our Girl Scouts to seek ways to serve, preserve, and better their surroundings.”



BEVERLY SPEAK

Claremont

“I’ve been a Girl Scout for over 60 years. The values embedded in Girl Scouting have defined my life. I am who I am and I have done what I’ve done because of what I’ve experienced as a Girl Scout. Besides, it’s fun! That keeps me going..”



PATRICIA STANARD

Northeast Hills

“My Girl Scout highlight from the last membership year is the thank you’s I get from the girls in my troop. It is always cheerful, brightens my heart, and is even more special when I get a hug with it too.”



LISA STARR

Westchester/Del Rey

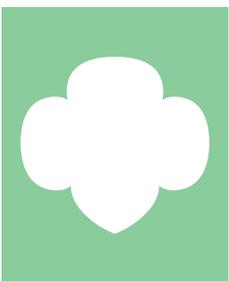
“The young women and young girls in Girl Scouts are amazing forces around town. They are active in sports, churches, schools, businesses, on top of being in Girl Scouts, which shows that when you’re a Girl Scout, you can do ANYTHING!!”



JODILYNNE STEINER

Palisades/Malibu

“A highlight from this past membership year was that all 13 girls in our Troop completed their Silver Awards! I am so proud of all the girls’ efforts and the impact of all their projects.”



TAWNIA SUGGS

South Torrance

“Girls Scouts means sisterhood and empowerment. We lift each other up and achieve more together than we could on our own. At the same time, we’re empowered to be all that we can be as individuals too. And, we’re accepted for who we are.”



CHARA SWODECK

Pomona

Chara brings all the events for her service unit to life. She goes above and beyond for all the girls. Leaders credit her amazing planning of her plans and/or events. One mentioned, “It’s like watching a mechanical clock. She is extremely determined and when she sets her heart to it she will get things done.”

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MALI TEISAN

Marina

“This year my Girl Scouts learned that giving back to the community is a way of life, not just a requirement to be met. Small acts, as well as big ones, can ignite change within a community and they hold the power to make these changes.”



MARY TESSELAAR

North River

“Girl Scouts is an opportunity to teach girls how to serve others, learn skills and have experiences they might not have had an opportunity to explore or experience.”



DIANA TISNADO

Marina

“Our girls have contributed thousands of service hours impacting our local community and beyond, addressing needs in multiple domains including homeless children and families, pollution, plastics and climate, and voter registration and policy.”



DARLENE TORRES

Marina

Darlene is such an integral part of her service unit serving as Adult Recognitions Chair and along with her troop, hosting World Thinking Day celebration and the annual Holiday Service Project.



CARMEN VARGAS

Southeast

“My highlight this year was when our troop had our first outdoor overnight at El Ranchito! We made brownies in a box oven. Planted a tree we named “Branchie” with our City’s Park and Recreation Department on Earth Day and bridge from Brownies to Juniors with a Candy Bar Celebration!”



KATHY VIGIL

Marina

“It is heart warming when my girls walk into an event with their uniforms and people start clapping and saying, ‘Here come the Girl Scouts!’ They receive hand shakes, thank-yous, and a few tears for the people that they help.”



YOLANDA WILLIAMS

PV/Penn

“My highlight was our troop’s 2019 International Backpacking Trip to Italy. The many hours of planning, the spaghetti dinner, extra product sales and our Enchanted Camper event bonded our group for a fabulous experience. The entire process was an incredible journey.”



VICTORIA YAMASHITA

Marina

“Having two daughters, I am grateful to have an organization like Girl Scouts, where girls can develop leadership skills and be exposed to STEM fields.”

2020 Appreciation Pin Recipients

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles would also like to award the following volunteers with the Appreciation Pin:

Carolyn Alves

Denise Amato-Spinoglio

Kristen Ballew

Chrissa Belliveau

Nicola Bird

Nancy Cammarata

Jessica Cardenas

Heather Chaffee

Martha Cortez

Jennifer Cowan

Jennifer Crull

Mercedes Cruz

Laurie Daghigh

Suzanne Dehmel

Camee Harvey

Alec Hobbs

Erin Huey

Jaclyn Khitikian

Chiaki Klapper

Toni Lampe

Arlene Mansour

Astrid Martinez-Fribourg

Mary McDougal

Kathy McGoff

Maureen McLaughlin

Helen McNamee

Carmen Melendrez

Julie Miller

Lisa Minkler

Lisa Moore

David Moreno

Jeannette Mullins

Teresa Nugent

Veronica Pagan

Coralyn Peirson

Bernie Perry

Claudia Pichardo Guardado

Susana Plazola

Candace Reeley

Nancy Richardson

Jennifer Rootes

Natalie Rosemond-Sewer

Marisa Sakaguchi-Kelly

Sara Sanchez-Carrillo

Sheridan Sanders

Jennifer Sarceno

Alisha Shoehrt

Susan Smith

Amber Spence

Mel Spence

Rachael Suarez

Audrey Thompson

Thu-Thao Tran-Chang

Reyna Villalobos

Kyla Von Dippe

Michele Wahlig

Lisa Working

Holly Yang

Girl Fund Award



The Girl Fund Award recognizes a group or individual who demonstrates a commitment to building a culture of philanthropy at GSGLA and has gone above and beyond in supporting the Girl Fund.

CAMPaign for Lakota



Ever since a fire destroyed the dining hall in 2010, Girl Scouts across Greater Los Angeles have missed out on overnight camp at Camp Lakota. In 2019, we launched the CAMPaign for Lakota, a special fundraising initiative to help bring Camp Lakota back as a full-service overnight camp to serve generations of Girl Scouts. When construction is complete, Camp Lakota will feature a centralized dining hall and cabins to accompany programming

amenities including a high and low ropes course, archery range, swimming pool, nature trails, and equestrian center. As we began fundraising for our beloved camp, volunteers, parents, troops, and Girl Scout alum raised funds in support of the CAMPaign for Lakota to ensure Camp Lakota will be an inspiring outdoor space for girls to experience high adventure.

Team Walawi and Team Blue Madonna demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm and dedication to the CAMPaign for Lakota by engaging their friends, family, and larger Girl Scout community in donating to Camp Lakota and ensuring GSGLA has the resources needed to bring girls to camp all year long.

2020 Girl Fund Recipients



TEAM WALAWI

Team Walawi set its sights on raising \$10,000 for Camp Lakota and, in just a few months of fundraising, exceeded its goal and brought in over 150 donations! With the leadership of its team captain, Sami Lavin, Team Walawi spread the message about donating to the CAMPaign for Lakota with its troop, service unit, and larger Girl Scout and Camp Lakota community. After raising \$10,000, Team Walawi increased its goal to continue its fundraising efforts – truly going above and beyond to raise funds to bring Camp Lakota back online as a full-service overnight camp to serve Girl Scouts for generations to come.



TEAM BLUE MADONNA

Team Blue Madonna rallied its local community to support the CAMPaign for Lakota with enthusiasm, dedication, and creativity. Under the leadership of its team captain, Sue Hillendahl, Team Blue Madonna raised over 75% of their \$10,000 goal and are still going! It takes a truly special group to not only believe in the power of Girl Scout camp, but also to engage others to believe as well by donating! Thanks to Team Blue Madonna and the other CAMPaign for Lakota fundraisers and donors, Camp Lakota will soon be up and running for thousands of Girl Scouts.

President's Award



The President's Award recognizes the efforts of service unit teams or program teams in moving toward achievement of GSGLA's goals and objectives. All team members must have significantly contributed to meeting one or more council goals. The service unit must reflect the diversity of the area they serve, and actively recognize, understand, and practice the values of inclusive behavior.

2020 President's Award Recipients

ALHAMBRA/ROSEMEAD/SFT SERVICE UNIT

Shannon Devery and Claudia Martinez

The Santa Fe Trails Service Unit serves the cities of Alhambra, Rosemead, El Monte and South El Monte. There are 37 troops consisting of 451 girls and 449 adults with an overall retention rate of 80 percent. They pride themselves on having 22 Multi-level troops, clearly leaving no girl behind. Their cookie sales are consistently strong with a per-girl-average above 200. They've adopted the Idle Acres Nursing home and participated in the Foot Soldier Food Drive. The adults are dedicated to providing the girls a wide opportunity of Girl Scout activities that involve the community. The Service Unit Team is always available to the leaders and promotes a positive, creative team environment which strengthens relationships.

BELLFLOWER/HOLLYMOUNT SERVICE UNIT

Rita Rivera

The Bellflower/Hollymount Service Unit, hailing from the Southwest region, encompasses the cities of Bellflower and Paramount. They are excited and honored to be receiving the President's Award for the past two years and are led by their long-time fearless leader, Rita Rivera, who has been leading this Service Unit for over 20 years. Bellflower/Hollymount hosts dynamic leader meetings and many exciting events, workshops and community service opportunities throughout the year such as: A Holiday Sing-Along & Food Drive, Cookie Rally, Mystery Dinner, Cultural Event, and a Service Unit camporee! In addition, this Service Unit boasts one of the highest cookie sales in the entire Council, with an average of 330 boxes per girl. This Service Unit may be small, but it is mighty, and continues to grow and thrive, engaging girls and offering quality programs to 24 troops.

BONITA SERVICE UNIT

Sheila Kao and Liz Busque

The Bonita Service Unit is located in the Southeast Region of our council, encompassing the cities of La Verne and San Dimas. This service unit includes a total of 52 troops serving a total of 540 girls in the 2018-19 membership year. The troops in this service unit have historically had a strong connection to their community. For example, they have formed a partnership with the local Meals on Wheels organization in their area in which local girls provide up to 130 tray favors per month throughout the year to be included with meals delivered to local senior citizens in need. The Service Unit team also hosts regular meetings that help engage their leaders with one another as well as offer information and mini training opportunities so that leaders can meet and exchange ideas. The amazing leaders and volunteers of Bonita Service Unit are united by a strong sense of community and share a true Girl Scout spirit with their girls and community!

BURBANK SERVICE UNIT

Vicki Kirk

Burbank Service Unit is located in the North Region and served 78 troops, over 800 girls, and 200 leaders in the 2018-2019 membership year. Having a strong Lead Team is one of their biggest strengths. The Service Unit hosts two large events every year: Skate Bash and Father/Daughter Dance. Additionally, the service unit along with one selected troop hosts a World Thinking Day Event that is highly attended by troops.

CANYON STAR SERVICE UNIT

Priya Bradfield

Canyon Star Service Unit serves the Studio City, Sherman Oaks, and Valley Village area of the San Fernando Valley and served 56 troops and over 650 girls in the 2018-2019 year. The Canyon Star Management Team puts on great events for troops like the Girl Scout Grand Prix, Annual Cookie Kick Off, World Thinking Day, a Day of Service, and extremely popular camps: Canyon Star Camp weekend and our week-long Twilight Camp. The monthly leader meetings feature mini-trainings on a variety of topics along with ways to connect and collaborate with other troops in the service unit. Troop leaders love to work together - whether it's to do events together or support each other during Cookie Season, they are always sisters to Every Girl Scout.

COMPTON SERVICE UNIT

Michelle Merritt

The Compton/Lynwood Service Unit is located in the Southwestern Region and covers the cities of Compton and Lynwood. In the 2019-2020 year, SU 501 served 12 troops and 178 girls. The majority of troops in the service unit are multi-level troops, which helps younger and older girls have a strong bond. The service unit has a great relationship with Compton city officials and is very involved in the community. The girls enjoy participating in city parades and using their voice to be a light to their community.

CROWN POPPY SERVICE UNIT

Danelle Jiron and Lana Saucedo

The Crown Poppy Service Unit covers the cities of Pasadena, Sierra Madre and Altadena. There is a very large and diverse population of Girl Scouts and Leaders that make up 134 troops. Between monthly meetings and annual events, their Girl Scouts are always on the go! From helping the community, to helping girls master and celebrate Girl Scout traditions, to sending girls around the globe and now finding innovating ways to go virtual. The Crown Poppy SU strives to ensure each girl has the best Girl Scout experience possible.

CV/GLENDALE SERVICE UNIT

Marisa Gallo and Patti Brundige

Crescenta Valley/Glendale Service Unit (CVGSU) serves Girl Scouts in Glendale, La Crescenta, and Montrose. The growing and thriving service unit was home to over 875 girls in 93 troops during the 2018-2019 membership year. One of its most favored events is CVGSU's week-long day camp, commonly referred to as Twilight Camp, where Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts get the opportunity to lead, guide, and mentor younger girls as they participate in themed activities. The younger girls aspire to be like their mentors, which truly helps the service unit grow and flourish. This Girl Scout spirit continues to thrive far beyond Twilight Camp!

GATEWAY SERVICE UNIT

Virginia Egebakken and Lupe Gonzales

Gateway is one of three Service Units that encompasses the city of Whittier. With nearly 30 active and involved Girl Scout troops, much of Gateway's activities are held at the Girl Scout Whittier Program Center, which was recently named a historic landmark by the city. Rich in Girl Scout history and tradition, Service Unit Manager, Virginia Egebakken, has been leading this Service Unit for over 45 years and is a wealth of knowledge and resources for all troops. Lupe Gonzalez helps to mentor all troops and makes sure they remain in compliance, and together they make a wonderful team. Troop leaders are connected and share best practices at service unit meetings while enjoying various events hosted by dynamic troops throughout the year.

HEART OF THE VALLEY SERVICE UNIT

Joelynn Gil

The Heart of the Valley Service Unit serves North Hills, Panorama City, Northridge and Porter Ranch. The service unit offers valuable and unique program almost every month which keeps members engaged and helps form lasting friendships and value leader networking. Leader Meetings are well attended and includes girl involvement, giving them an opportunity to interact with the adults. Leaders are looking forward to the "Hot Potato Bar" at the June Leader Meeting, which will include the annual Award and Recognitions. Heart of the Valley celebrates the various traditions, ceremonies and talents that members bring to the service unit to enrich our entire membership.

KING HARBOR SERVICE UNIT

Flo Speakman

The King Harbor Service Unit is located in the Southwestern Region and covers the southern part of Redondo Beach. In the 2019-2020 year, SU 524 served 40 troops and 463 girls. The Service Unit is made up of a diverse group of volunteers, who are very dedicated to the Girl Scout mission. King Harbor has a long history of Girl Scout traditions and it is evident throughout the whole city. The girls enjoy planning and participating in many adventurous activities, such as white water rafting, backpacking, and traveling to Europe.

LA BREA HEIGHTS SERVICE UNIT

Michelle Apolonio

The La Brea Heights Service Unit is located in the Southwestern Region and covers the city of Inglewood and some areas of Los Angeles. In the 2019-2020 year, SU 522 served 30 troops and 495 girls. The Service Unit has been instrumental in making connections with the city of Inglewood and showcasing all the amazing work the girls do. A fun fact about SU 522: the adult volunteers have over 400 years of Girl Scout leadership experience, combined!

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LA CANADA SERVICE UNIT

Julie Evans, Angelica Perez, and Kendra Short

The La Canada SU includes 91 troops with 846 girls and 542 adults and hosts on average 18 local events yearly. This summer the service unit is hosting an Annual "Day Camp" (Twilight Camp) which has been going strong for over 70 years. They are also proud of their long-standing tradition of hosting a Gold-Silver-Bronze Ceremony. In 2019 they honored 44 Gold Award recipients. La Canada Girl Scouts thrive from the dedication of our Service Unit team, troop leaders and parents.

LAS VIRGENES SERVICE UNIT

Bernadette Perry

The Las Virgenes Service Unit serves the city of Agoura Hills and parts of West Lake Village. Though a small service unit with 25+ troops, they have well attended Service Unit meetings and new troops are supported, while feeling comfortable asking for help. The 2018-19 was a busy year for the service unit with community service and other events. They also held a Friendsgiving/Operation Gratitude event with over 185 girls attending and donated over 150 care packages to our deployed troops and Veterans for Operation Gratitude. Unfortunately less than 2 days later, the service unit was impacted by the Woolsey Fires where all of our girls and families were evacuated and the SUM lost her home. Fortunately, Service Unit team members and other leaders unselfishly worked to support families impacted. In February 2019, the service unit revived and held an Earth Day Restoration Event alongside the National Park Service at Rancho Sierra Vista. Additionally, they held a World Thinking Day Celebration where over 150 girls representing 15 countries participated.

MARINA SERVICE UNIT

Gloria Halfacre and Julie Miller

The Marina Service Unit is located in Marina Del Rey and serve 41 troops with 597 girls and 344 adults in the 2018-2019 membership. Marina's focus is on community outreach, leadership development, and providing training/classes which are available directly from their Service Unit. Troop leaders enjoy the amount of information, advice, and tips that is given at each meeting. Marina service unit provides support, encouragement and form comradeship amongst troop leaders. Marina is known for hosting annual events that the girls enjoy. Marina's favorite event is World Thinking Day, an annual tradition "Girl Led". What sets Marina apart from any other service unit is that they lead by example, work hard, are highly engaged and have the ability to work together towards a common vision to help the girls become the best version of themselves.

NORTH REDONDO SERVICE UNIT

Tammie Scott

The North Redondo Service Unit is located in the Southwest Region covering the Northern area of Redondo Beach and served 60 troops with 735 girls and 446 adults in the 2018-2019 year. The North Redondo Service Unit excels in community engagement and service. One of their annual events, Valentines for Vets, is an opportunity for girls to get crafty and create heart-felt notes of appreciation to the Veterans in their community. North Redondo also ensures its members have opportunities for troop travel, both domestic and international. They are planning a trip abroad to Dublin, London, and Paris in 2021.

NORTH RIVER SERVICE UNIT

Barb Karpp

The North River Service Unit is located in Valencia and Saugus cities and served 87 troops with 720 girls and 377 adults in the 2018-2019 membership year. Girl Scouts is delivered by dedicated volunteers who work cooperatively, emphasizing program delivery to support our Girl Scout family in the North River Service Unit. With a Service Unit Team of 15 Team Members it serves an area of the northern part of Santa Clarita. The SU Team strives to provide leadership, life skills and community service to their community through various events throughout the Girl Scout year: River Rally, Cookie Rally, World Thinking Day, Journeys in a Day, Service to the Senior Center, Hall of Honor, and Court of Awards, plus working on the Nature's Rock and Nature Kitchen's Summer Day Camps held in Santa Clarita. Their volunteer led, service delivery model provides girls with flexible ways to participate in Girl Scouts, and engages adults in volunteer roles that are specific, sustainable, and rewarding. Leaders and Volunteers are greeted at the door each SU Leader Meeting to a meeting that combines all the elements to create a movement that will continue to flourish for the Girl Scouts in the Santa Clarita Valley.

PALISADES/MALIBU SERVICE UNIT

Lynn Mack-Costello

The Pali Mali Service Unit includes the areas of Pacific Palisades, Malibu, Topanga, and Brentwood. In the 2018-2019 membership year they served 514 Girls, 314 Adults and approximately 40 troops. Pali Mali is a tight-knit Service Unit that prides itself on a strong, visible presence in their respective neighborhoods. Last year they worked in collaboration with the community to promote events such as Songfest, One Warm Coat, and Feed Your Neighbor, to much success. Troops even participated in a local 4th of July Parade. For the benefit of new and experienced leaders alike, Service Unit meetings are always engaging, informative, and educational. The dedicated girls and leaders of Pali Mali are always filled with innovative ideas that keep that Girl Scout spirit thriving all year round.

PALMDALE SERVICE UNIT

Jessica Centonze-Moll

The Palmdale Service Unit covers troops in East Palmdale, Littlerock, Acton, and Lake Los Angeles. This dynamic service unit may have fewer troops but they are growing each year and the team continues to try new events. They have also partnered with other service units in the Antelope Valley to show their love for their sister Girl Scouts.

RANCHO Foothill SERVICE UNIT

Addy Pacheco and Linda Schmidt

The Rancho Foothills Service Unit is located in the most eastern area of our council, encompassing the cities of Rancho Cucamonga and parts of Fontana. This service unit includes a total of 96 troops serving a total of 1,142 girls in the 2018-19 membership year. Among their many long standing traditions, one in particular is the Green Santa Program. This program involves girls and troops from throughout their service unit in an effort to support a total of 312 local families over the holidays. The Service Unit team also hosts monthly meetings that help engage their leaders with one another as well as offer information and mini training opportunities so that leaders can meet and exchange ideas. The amazing leaders and volunteers of Rancho Foothills Service Unit are filled with enthusiasm and share a true Girl Scout spirit with their girls and community!

RDE SERVICE UNIT

Debbie Fountain, Jessica Cardenas, and Michelle Elpusan

The RDE Service Unit serves portions of the city of Long Beach. This tight-knit service unit is a staple of the Long Beach community. RDE troops have been recognized numerous times by the Long Beach City Council for their hard work and dedication to bettering their community. The growth in their membership and retention is a reflection of the service unit's consistent efforts to go above and beyond in supporting their troops. They are a true Girl Scout family with a genuine love for their leaders and a passion for serving all girls.

SOUTH PASADENA SERVICE UNIT

Katie Clark

South Pasadena is a small town with an active Girl Scout population of 67 troops, many of which start at the three elementary schools in town and continue into high school. There are over 1,100 Girl Scouts between girls and adults, with an overall retention rate of 80 percent. For a small town, their product sales are consistently strong, with the funds supporting many service projects, educational opportunities and trips. The Service Unit volunteers juggle many different activities in town, but always find time to go above and beyond. They all volunteer with their own troops, and still represent the Service Unit at community events like the ST. James Food Bank, Fourth of July Parade and concerts in the park.

STONEYRIDGE SERVICE UNIT

Laura Mayoral

Stoneyridge Service Unit is located in Winnetka, Chatsworth, and parts of Northridge, and served 13 troops (335 girls and 244 adults) in the 2018-2019 membership year. This growing service unit thrives with the help of dedicated volunteers and leaders who bring the Girl Scout spirit alive. Popular service unit events include the Service Unit Recognitions and Bridging where troops are honored for their impressive achievements, and the Annual Family Picnic, which engages all Stoneyridge Girl Scout families. The leaders are caring, educated, and dedicated Girl Scouts who emphasize life skills at every opportunity and have a passion for serving others.

TWIN OAKS SERVICE UNIT

Lillian Ramirez-Moore

Twin Oaks Service Unit is made up of troops from the Tarzana, Reseda, Encino and Van Nuys areas within the San Fernando Valley. This mighty service unit is made up of 44 troops, which included 579 girls and 366 adult volunteers in the 2018-2019 year. The Twin Oaks team has worked together to create events for troops to attend including their Cookie Kick Off Event, Thinking Day, Toy Story 4 Movie Screening, Girl Scout Birthday Party and Bridging Ceremony. Twin Oaks is made up of tremendous leaders and scouts who have worked together to build a strong service unit team that is constantly thinking about how to give back to their community.

WEST COVINA SERVICE UNIT

Patricia Saldana

The West Covina Service Unit is located in the beautiful city of West Covina, serving 28 troops with 287 girls and 179 adults in the 2018-2019 membership year. West Covina Girl Scouts strives to provide the best program possible for our Scouts. West Covina troops have worked together to give back to their community and surrounding areas by donating care kits to the homeless, donating duffle bags to a local foster care facility, helped several animal shelters and sanctuaries and have consistently stocked the local food pantry. West Covina Service Unit hosts several staple events such as an Annual "Meet & Greet", Brownie/Daisy Day, Me & My Guy, Primitive Camporee, and an All Level Bridging Ceremony to end the year.

2020 President's Award Recipients

WESTCHESTER/DEL REY SERVICE UNIT

Tricia McReynolds and Cynthia Vasquez

The Westchester Del Rey Service Unit is located in the Southwest Region covering cities of Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista and serve 49 troops with 542 girls and 309 adults in the year 2018-2019. Westchester Service unit is one of a kind because of the "Small town" feel of their entire community. Everyone supports each other in many ways and troop leaders want to be involved in making the experience for all girls amazing. Troop leaders enjoy the sense of community at Westchester SU meetings, they get to meet and converse with other leaders, bounce back ideas off each other, and learn about their neighborhood Girl Scout traditions. Some of Westchester's favorite events include Triple Bee (SU Yearly encampment) and Tasting bee (World Thinking Day Event) because the girls learn new skills and learn about different cultures. Overall, Westchester service unit team dedicates a lot of their time communicating and providing resources for troop leaders to ensure that the girls experience is memorable and one to continue.

WESTSIDE SERVICE UNIT

Liz Dilger

The Westside Service Unit consists of troops located in West Palmdale. With 36 troops they are the largest service unit in Antelope Valley. The service unit provides many events for local troops including Camporee, Winterfest, Cookie Kick off, Pumpkin Derby, and Court of Awards. Westside also represents Girl Scouts in the community by helping girls put their creations on display for the public at the Antelope Valley Fair. The leaders, and volunteers in the Westside Service Unit work together to help make sure their girls have a Girl Scout experience to remember.

WOODLAND HILLS SERVICE UNIT

Sharon Lei Hager

The Woodland Hills Service Unit is located in North Region of the San Fernando Valley supporting Woodland Hills, West Hills, Canoga Park, and Winnetka neighborhoods and serves 53 Girl Scout Troops with 689 girls and 486 adult members during the 2018-2019 membership year. Every year the Service Unit follows a theme for the Service Unit Leader meetings which includes special speakers on training, girl progression, highest awards, travel, and so much more. They host annual events including Juliette Gordon Low birthday party Thinking Day, Father/Daughter Dance and Leader & Daughter Social. Their legacy Senior/Ambassador troop hosts badge workshops and travels to many competitions. The service unit has active volunteers representing at Memorial Day Flag Placement, Woodland Hills Memorial Day Parade, and Delivering meals to homebound seniors on Thanksgiving, Monthly Friendship meals and many more.



Tenure Numeral Guard

The Numeral Guard (tenure) recognizes the combined number of years accumulated as a registered member, girl and adult, in five-year increments.

30 YEARS

Hiromi Asada*
Karen Bribiesca*
Bridget Gardea
Yvette Levarity*
Jasmin Sandidge
Trina Soto
Maude Wilkins*

35 YEARS

Denise Be Cotte*
Carol Cunningham*
Andrea Gibbs*
Su Guzzardi
Jaclyn Khitikian
Claire Phillips
Sara Vega-Junge

40 YEARS

Nicole Gutzke*
Cheri Howard
Lisa Moore
Mary Ellen Perez*

45 YEARS

Virginia Egebakken
Becky Fish*
Brigit Kielpinski*

50 YEARS

Debby Masi*

55 YEARS

Linda Schmidt

60 YEARS

Beverly Speak*

70 YEARS

Nancy Emch

Years of Service Pin

The Years of Service Award is presented in five-year increments to candidates active as registered Girl Scout adult members. These pins represent only the years of active service as an adult.

25 YEARS

Karen Bribiesca*
Patti Brundige
Sharon Crowther
Carol Cunningham*
Becky Fish*
Andrea Gibbs*
Nicole Gutzke*
Tommie Jimenez
Toni Lampe
Yvette Levarity*
Lori Koenig

Sandra Miller
Joann Petros
Denise Pulte
Maude Wilkins*

30 YEARS

Hiromi Asada*
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Mary Ellen Perez*

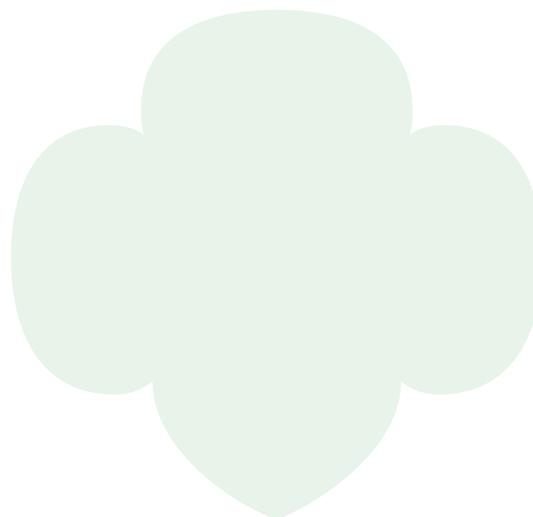
40 YEARS

Joelynn Gil
Edith Holly Shaffer

50 YEARS

Beverly Speak*

**Receiving both Numeral Guard and Years of Service Pins*





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Michelle Hubbard **BREW**

FAITH *Teresa Nugent*

Charity Smith **MAMA FLOWER**



Stoneyridge
Service Unit
Congratulates



Nancy Emch

70 Years of Membership

Su Guzzardi

35 years of Membership

Lori Koenig

25 years of Service

We celebrate your life long committment to
Girl Scouts!

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The Girl Scouts of Stoneyridge Service Unit

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**Dr. Lisette Gold – Service Unit Manager
CSA Troop #1645 Leader
SM Bay SU 2019 President's Award**



Congratulations!

Tammie Scott
Service Unit Manager (526)

Thank you for
all you give.

With extreme gratitude,

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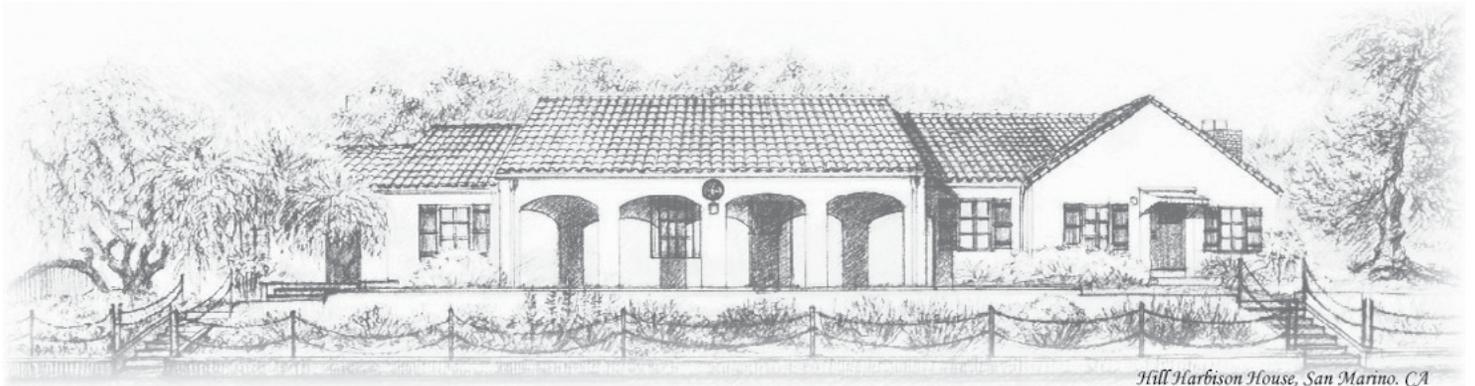
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Marisa Sakaguchi-Kelly

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