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**2022**  
**Volunteer Recognition**  
**Tribute Book**

# 2021 Volunteer Recognition Program

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# Letter from the CEO and Board of Directors Chair

Dear Honoree,

Your unwavering commitment to the girls and community of Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles has strengthened us during this challenging year! It is with great honor and excitement that we recognize and congratulate you for everything you have accomplished and contributed to empowering the future leaders in the Girl Scout Movement.

It's no secret that this year has felt a bit like limbo for us all—being caught between a global pandemic and a hopeful pathway toward a new normal.

You've adapted to the needs of the community and the needs of troops throughout the GSGLA organization, and the support you provided has been remarkable. You've demonstrated how dedication, resilience, and adaptability can positively impact society, all the while helping girls continue to bring communities together through service projects and achieve new goals by mentoring them through Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award projects. Your boundless creativity shone through our Fall and Cookie Programs this year and we've loved reading every single Girl Scouts in the Community submission we've received!

Our theme for the year 2021 is ***Leading the Way with Courage, Confidence, and Character*** and it was inspired by all of you! You all have found unique and meaningful ways to carry out the Girl Scout Mission and used your innovation to lead Girl Scouts to inspiring new paths. Simply put, our mission would not be possible without you.

Thank you for your impact. We are truly grateful for all you do for the girls, families, and communities of Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles.

Yours in Girl Scouting,



*Theresa Edy Kiene*

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Chief Executive Officer



*Ellen E. Swarts*

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Chair, Board of Directors

# 2021 Volunteer Awardees

## THANKS II BADGE

Linda Harmon

## THANKS BADGE

Priya Bradfield

Susan Stahl

## PLATINUM SERVICE AWARD

Bonnie George

Deborah Hess-Wakeland

Janet KC-Jordan

Julie Miller

Sarah Vento

Kathy Vigil

Lisa Working

## HONOR PIN

Tammi Froh

Lisette Gold

Susan Helm

Danelle Jiorn

Ilene Knebel

Melissa Lynch

Debby Masi

Bernadette Perry

Michelle Sarrow

Jonathan Watts

Angela Zaidman

## APPRECIATION PIN

Christine Abad

Stacey Adler

Silvia Alvarran

Kelly Ankwicz

Michelle Apolonio

Angela Arnold-Brownlee

Janice Arnson

Korina Arvizu

Vivian Avella

Shana Ballas

Nicola Bird

Nicole Block

Bridgette Blue

Priya Bradfield

Julia Bravo

Teresa Brown

Samantha Carpenter

Cathy Chudzinski

Cristina Coleman

Grace Coopman

Rebecca Cruz

Robin Curtis

Susan Day

Alice Demartino

Nicole Duckworth

Herrera

Virginia Egebakken

Rachel Eli

Jacquelyn Ferraro

Mark Franco

Jane Galan

Lisette Gold

Guadalupe "Lupe"  
Gonzales

Jennifer Grammer

Linda Green

Jennifer Gruber

Sara Gustafson

Gloria Halfacre

Marya Harrington

Annie Heller-Gutwillig

Dawn Hentrich

Dr. Judy Ho

Kaitlyn Ireland

Lisa Ireland

Sean Patrick Ireland

Yukimi Isom

Laurie Jacobs

Angela Juranek

Laura Katayama

Jeannie Keasler

Jessica Kelly

Sharon Lei Hager

Jenny Leung

Lynn Mack-Costello

Juanita Maxwell

George McQueen

Grace Mellis

Beverly Merrill

Candace Millek

Micah Modugno

Erika Nutting

Elizabeth O'Donnell

Jeanne O'Donnell

Andy Park

Paula Parvinjah

Ruth Perez

Jenise Ramos

Tiffany Regecz

Stephanie Rivas

Sara Rosas

Jasmin Sandige

Elena Sawant

Jenifer Schmutz

Bridget Sibley

Cicely Smart

Julie Smith

Kimberly Solomon

Flo Speakman

Melissa Spence

Francesca Taylor, MD.

Gail Testa

Christa Thompson

Shelley Thompson

Darlene Torres

Natalie Torres

Denise Wandel

Nikki Zuleta

## VIRTUAL VANGUARD AWARD

Stacey Adler

Brenda Alcala-Castaneda

Sara Alvarez

Ellen Andersen

Simona Aranda

Robyn Arnold

Shana Ballas

Heather Berger

Maggie Bertisch

Joy Blake

Nicole Block

Nicole Blue

Priya Bradfield

Deb Carson



# 2021 Volunteer Awardees

Catherine Chittick

Danelle Cole

Sayoko Cox

Lynn Cunninham

Robin Curtis

Leigh-Ann Danner

Juliana Diaz

Yesenia Diaz

Michelle Dragin

Lauren Dussinger

Rachel Eli

Christina Evangelista

Jacqueline Ferraro

Renee Flanagan

Kamia Fletcher

Megan Fleuren

Nancy Fontan

Dr. Maribel Garcia

Bonnie George

Alyse Gleason

Julie Goldin

Camilla Good

Jill Grass

Kimberly Griffin

Jennifer Gruber

Jodi Harris

Logan Hawkins

Annie Heller-Gutwillig

Dawn Hentrich

Melissa Herrera

Deborah Hess-Wakeland

Sue Hillendahl

Angela Juranek

Renata Kanclerz

Sheila Kao

Janet KC-Jordan

Jessica Kelly

Rachelle Killackey

Ilene Knebel

Alicia Lafaurie

Michele Lakier

Jill Lanigan

Melissa Loeffelholz

Saadia Lopez Orantes

Diane Lumsdaine

Melissa Lynch

Brynn Malone

Denise Meier

Jeannette Mullins

Kathryn Murray

Jamie Nassour

Noosha Niv

Kimberly Nordyke

Megan Norman

Pamela Pernin

Jacqueline Robinson

Tammylynn Rodriguez

Isabel Rodriguez

Lorraine Romero

Rebecca Root

Jennifer Rootes

Anne Ruane

Paula Russell

Alayna Sato

Amandalynn Sawyer

Jenna Schumacher

Kimberly Schwarz

Jennifer Smolenski

Susan Spencer

Heather St. Dennis

Rachael Suarez

Elizabeth Taddeo

Erin Tomanek

Kathy Vigil

Katy Leigh Villari

Michele Wahlig

Annie Walling

Matthew Warren

Susan Willinger

Lois Young

## YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD

### 25 Years of Service

Anett Assillian

Nichole Brown Beckett

Liz Busque

Susan Diaz

Lisa Kwan

### 30 Years of Service

Juanita Maxwell

### 35 Years of Service

Su Guzzardi

Deborah Harris

### 40 Years of Service

Lissa "Flicker" Alfred

Jermaine Beckett

## NUMERAL GUARD AWARD

### 30 Years

Karen Bowlin

Shamira Brown

Juanita Maxwell

Phyllicia Maxwell

Stephanie Sampson

### 35 Years

Deborah Harris

Julie Miller

### 40 Years

Nichole Beckett Brown

Kim Krivis

### 45 Years

Lissa "Flicker" Alfred

Jermaine Beckett

### 50 Years

Carole Mingus

Lorraine Simansky

### 55 Years

Sue Hillendahl

### 60 Years

Elizabeth Soukup

# Juliette Gordon Low Society

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

Corrine Abel	Katharine DeShaw	Lise L. Luttgens	Margaret Rosenthal
LaNease Adams	Christine A. Dean	Lynn Mack-Costello	Shamira Sadler
Lissa Alfred	Carol M. Dedrich	Marilyn Marshall	Danielle Sager-Ebling
Lisa Axelrod	Jennifer N. Devereaux	Megan L. Martin	Michelle Sarrow
Carolyn Baker	Elisabeth L. Dick	Toni A. Martinez-Burgoyne	Ron Schrantz
David A. Battaglia	Juanita Doplemore	Karen Masini	Yvonne Schueller
Julie A. Beals	Peggy Edwards	Kelly Maxwell	Steve Shelton
Dianne Belk	Theresa Edy-Kiene	Gina McLeod	Ellen E. Swarts
Betty Berdiansky	Sonia Endler	Eleanor Moninger	Chara N. Swodeck
Stephen T. Bolkovatz	Marie J. Fouts	Ann Moore	Cortney Szlemp
Gail I. Boyle	Renee W. Fraser	Frances M. Moreno	Francesca M. Taylor
Moira Brady	Diana L. Freeman	William M. Nelson	Cindy M. Tenn
Betsey L. Brewer	Liisa Froggatt	Kathryn E Nielsen	Shelley B. Thompson
Michele Broadnax	Megann Giardino	Denise Nowack	Harry Trust Webb
Chrystal Broesel	Linda B. Griffey	Erin Oremland	Pj Walker
Constance L. Burg	Diane K. Grohulski	Adrienne Pacheco	Diane Weaver
Amy Caponpon	Denise Gutches	Beverly Padway	Janet Whaley
Jessica Cardenas	Gloria R. Halfacre	Frances	Michelle C. Wroan
Katy Carlson	Joseph Hirsch	Marie H. Parco	Brenda J. Zamzow
Charles E. Carroll	Erika Homan	Melissa M. Pepe	Margaret B. Zarate
Elizabeth Chadwick	Bernice Horst	Sharis Peters	Isabella del Gaudio
Hailyn J. Chen	Denise Hsu	Aileen O. Poehls	Tania Van Herle
Rachel I. Clarke	Alana Hyman	Ruth L. Post	Marie-Louise Van Horne
Debbie Cook	Laurie Jacobs	Janice Rector	
Patricia A. Crider	Shannon Johnston	Elisabeth Rendeiro	
Phyllis E. Currie	Birgit Kielpinski	Leanne J. Rodgers	
Steven DePaul	Sherry Lapidés	Sylvia Rosenberger	



## Thanks II Badge

The Thanks Badge II is the highest National Adult Girl Scout Award. The Thanks Badge II awardee has continued to take a leadership role at the GSGLA council level. The service is outstanding and benefits the council or the entire Girl Scout movement and always exceeds expectations.

## 2021 Thanks Badge II Recipient



### LINDA HARMON

*Service Unit Manager*

Linda Harmon is a wealth of knowledge for all things in Girl Scouts. Linda goes above and beyond in her Service Unit Manager role. She provides all leaders with the knowledge and training they need to excel in their role, providing much-sought enrichment to the leaders in her community and beyond.



## 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.

## 2021 Thanks Badge Recipients



### PRIYA BRADFELD

*Service Unit Manager & National Council Delegate*

As the old Girl Scout saying goes, Priya Bradfield bleeds green. She exemplifies what it means to be a Girl Scout Leader. Since becoming Service Unit Manager, she has been an integral member of our Girl Scout community. She has shaped essential innovative programs while fostering inclusion. Priya also served as a delegate to the 55th National Council Session, dedicating countless hours to training and research. Priya is dedicated to Girl Scouts and strives to live by the Girl Scout Law.



### SUSAN STAHL

*GSGLA Adult Educator*

Susan Stahl is the lead volunteer for the Backpacking Training Go Team. She helps GSGLA by managing the team and creating a training curriculum. Her passion for getting girl scouts outdoors has given her the confidence and knowledge girls and volunteers need to have a memorable experience. Her dedication and ability to provide quality leadership is truly inspiring.



## 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.

## 2021 Platinum Service Award Recipients



### BONNIE GEORGE

*Canyon Star*

“This year I discovered how much I needed the rejuvenation of spending time with these resilient women in our SU Team meetings and the delightful girls in my troop meetings. Girl Scouts is the support, community, and laughter we need in tough times.”



### KATHY VIGIL

*Mar Vista*

“Being a Girl Scout means making lifetime friends, learning leadership and business skills, and stepping out of your comfort zone to help others. Girl Scouts open doors, and you get to run through them.”



### JANET KC JORDAN

*Canyon Star*

“Midst all the craziness that still surrounds us due to Covid, Girl Scouts continues to be a place where we can support and inspire one another and those around us through thoughtful

acts of kindness.”



### LISA WORKING

*Canyon Star*

“Girl Scouts nurtures growing leaders who make a difference wherever they are. By encouraging girls to discover their world, connect with issues, and take action in large and small

ways, the organization creates real, positive change in the community.”



### SARAH VENTO

*Palmdale*

“Girl Scouting has provided a variety of leadership opportunities to the young women in our area. Additionally, troops are a crucial part of donation drive efforts for our

local animal and homeless shelters.”

*Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles would also like to award the following volunteers with the Platinum Service Award:*

Julie Miller

Deborah Hess-Wakeland





## 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.

## 2021 Honor Pin Recipients



### TAMMI FROH

*Covina Oaks*

“Girl Scouts means friendship and community. I am so thankful for the friends that I have made during this journey. I love being with the girls in my troop and

watching them grow and discover who they are.”



### ILENE KNEBEL

*Holly Hills*

“This was a super challenging year with most meetings held virtually. We found some leaders were superheroes, engaging their girls and continuing projects to help the

community during the pandemic.”



### LISETTE GOLD

*Santa Monica Bay*

“Girl Scouts is a safe environment to explore your world, learn new skills, and make friends along the way. I tell my girls that I made my best

friends in my 50s in Girl Scouts. May we all keep learning and keep making friends.”



### MELISSA LYNCH

*Canyon Star*

“After 8 years, I can see the difference Girl Scouts has made in my own daughters and the other girls in our troop. The shy girls now speak up for

themselves and others. These girls are all confident and capable. Girl Scouts has proven results.”



### DANELLE JIRON

*Crown Poppy*

“The highlight of the 2021-2022 membership year for me was to see troops in my Service Unit continuing to support one another as they weathered

the pandemic. As we made progress toward meeting in person once again, everyone supported one another.”



### DEBBY MASI

*Pali/Mali*

“I have been a Girl Scout for over 50 years, and it is part of my DNA. My parents were involved as my leaders and my siblings all participated in

Scouting. I feel honored to be able to pass on those skills, information, and my love for Girl Scouts.”

## 2021 Honor Pin Recipients



**BERNADETTE PERRY**

*Las Virgenes*

“Girl Scouts has impacted our community by going the extra mile and being willing to help wherever needed, without asking for recognition, but more for the good feeling of giving back to others. I am so proud to be part of the Girl Scout Community.”



**JONATHAN WATTS**

*Woodland Hills*

“Girl Scouts is the only scouting program that has been developed over 110 years with a focus on the courage, confidence, and character of girls and young women who are making the world a better place. My daughter and I are forever grateful for GSGLA.”



**MICHELLE SARROW**

*Woodland Hills*

“A highlight for me was having the ability to lead girls through the Premier Girls Leadership Program. It is amazing to see the girls resolve the obstacles that arose without fear of the unknown and when they get a sparkle in their eyes as it comes to fruition!”



**ANGELA ZAIDMAN**

*North River*

“Girl Scouts has become part of everything we do. Weaving it into our daily routes, faith, and community service opportunities has shaped our experiences and allowed others to see that Girl Scouts, indeed, continues through high school.”

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

Susan Helm



## 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.

## 2021 Appreciation Pin Recipients



### **STACY ADLER**

*Canyon Star*

“Girl Scouts is about togetherness, friendship, and helping girls grow into strong, well-rounded, and kind women.

It is about these girls learning they can do anything they set their minds to. I love being a leader and watching the girls grow.”



### **ANGELA ARNOLD-BROWNLEE**

*Westchester/Del Rey*

“As an alumna of Girl Scouts, I know first-hand the difference that Girl Scouts made in my life.

From the day that I joined my troop, I felt at home. My troop leader was phenomenal and wanted her girls to participate in everything Girl Scouts offered.”



### **KELLY ANKWICZ**

*Manhattan Beach*

“My troop had a lot of canceled plans due to Covid. However, these 10-year-olds did not let that get them down and they continue to stay positive and

help others. That inspiration keeps me going and that is why I have included a picture of them and not me.”



### **JANICE ARNSON**

*Manhattan Beach*

“Girl Scouts means friendship, camaraderie, growth, education, support and so much more. As an adult volunteer, this program has done more to propel me than

I would have ever guessed.”



### **MICHELLE APOLONIO**

*La Brea Heights*

“My 2021-22 Girl Scout year has been amazing. I participated as a Girl Scout National Delegate, taught Girl Scout Gold Award

Workshop, and witnessed my daughter receive her Gold Award.”



### **KORINA ARVIZU**

*East Los Angeles – Boyle Heights*

“Girl Scouts means community connections, new and lasting friendships, skill-building, new experiences, giving back, paying

it forward, building confidence, and quality time spent with my daughter!”



## 2021 Appreciation Pin Recipients



**SHANA BALLAS**  
*Canyon Star*

“Girl Scouts was an important part of my childhood. I have fond memories of my mom as my troop leader. Girl Scouts offers opportunities to grow

confidence, learn new skills, and build friendships. I also love the opportunity to connect with nature and camp.”



**PRIYA BRADFIELD**  
*Canyon Star*

“Girl Scouts IS my community. I have met some amazing women and girls through Girl Scouts and collaborated with passionate women on events and projects.

I love meeting our new leaders every year and getting to know the girls through our events.”



**NICOLA BIRD**  
*Pali/Mali*

“Thanks to Girl Scouts, my scout and I have made friends with girls and their parents from many different schools that we likely would not have crossed paths with, otherwise.

Girl Scouts is an organization that celebrates, empowers, and uplifts girls and women around the world.”



**TERESA BROWN**  
*Chino*

“Taking my 3<sup>rd</sup>-year Cadette Troop of 18 girls to Maui, Hawaii to complete our tree badge by planting native trees on the island was the highlight of the

year. We camped in tents on the beach, went kayaking, zip-lining, and visited a pineapple farm.”



**NICOLE BLOCK**  
*Canyon Star*

“Our Girl Scouts earned virtual journeys and badges, had virtual game night, enjoyed horseback riding, donated easter baskets, were PAs for Virtual Twilight

Camp, and worked on their Silver Award. They also enjoyed a beach day at the Santa Monica pier.”



**SAMANTHA CARPENTER**  
*Las Virgenes*

“Girl Scouts means developing female leaders who will make the world a better place. Girl Scouts has developed strong

female leaders in our community who are committed and focused on giving their time and talents to help others.”



**BRIDGETTE BLUE**  
*La Brea Heights*

“My highlight of this year was the strength and resiliency of the girls and adults. Amid a pandemic, the girls were hopeful and determined and the troop leaders were flexible

and innovative. They are true role models.”



**CATHY CHUDZINSKI**  
*Las Virgenes*

“Girl Scouts means I am part of a team that works together to help guide our daughters to be helpful and kind toward others.”



# 2021 Appreciation Pin Recipients



## **ROBIN CURTIS**

*Holly Hills*

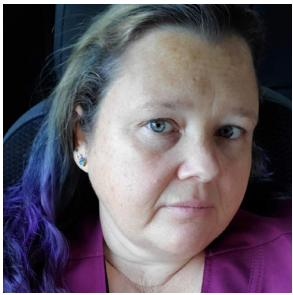
“Girl Scouts has been a way to connect deeper with my daughter, as well as help make a difference to the girls in our troop. I’m so proud of these girls and I truly cherish all the memories we’ve created over the years.”



## **MARK FRANCO**

*Campo Verde*

“Girls Scouts means opportunity. The opportunity to show Girl Scouts of all ages what they can be, what they are capable of, that they matter, that they are of great value, and that they can truly make a difference in our world!”



## **SUSAN DAY**

*West Covina*

“Girl Scouts is tradition and evolution. I enjoy teaching my girls songs and traditions I learned when I was a Girl Scout. I also enjoy helping the girls navigate through the newer STEM and Outdoor Adventurer badges. My Girl Scout community is family.”



## **JANE GALAN**

*Las Virgenes*

“Girls Scouts gave me so many lessons but through it all, I have made some incredible friendships. I am so grateful to God and Girls Scouts for bringing these women into my life.”



## **NICOLE DUCKWORTH-HERRERA**

*Bellflower/Hollymount*

“The best highlight of the year was starting up our troop. Considering we started during a pandemic, just seeing the number of girls we have and watching them grow this last year has brought me joy.”



## **LISETTE GOLD**

*Santa Monica Bay*

“My highlight this year was holding the first-ever 2021 Leadership Summit at Camp Osito Rancho in Big Bear. Over 40 leaders spent the weekend creating a stronger sisterhood, learning camping skills, hiking, and laughing. A reminder that leaders also need to escape into nature!”



## **RACHEL ELI**

*Canyon Star*

“Girl Scouts has given my troop a platform by assisting those individuals and organizations in need. It’s a community for me, as a leader, to meet and talk with other leaders. It’s a community and safe place for my teen Seniors, as they grow and mature into young women while engaging in the community and learning their potential as future leaders.”

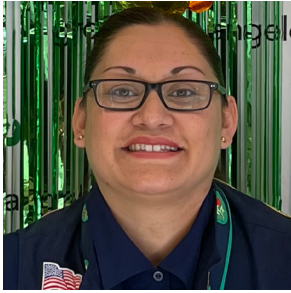


## **LINDA GREEN**

*Manhattan Beach*

“This year, instead of using troop money for themselves, my troop voted to donate almost \$1800 to four local charities that resonated with them!”

# 2021 Appreciation Pin Recipients



**JENNIFER GRUBER**  
*East Los Angeles*

“Girl Scouts means enlightenment and change while honoring the traditions of the past. We teach the next generation of female leaders to make the world a better place while supporting our Girl Scout sisters.”



**GLORIA HALFACRE**  
*Marina*

“Despite the pandemic, we were able to continue doing the things that were important to us and hold virtual events with girls from across the country.”



**MARYA HARRINGTON**  
*Woodland Hills*

“The highlight of this year has been connecting with my troop members, and those I mentored for their Gold Award, watching them grow into 12th graders through college applications and acceptances, leading events, and running meetings.”



**DAWN HENTRICH**  
*Canyon Star*

“It is important to raise up our girls to be leaders and warriors! I love working with my girls in every way so that they can create a more equitable and just world.”



**DR. JUDY HO**  
*Board Member*

“Dr. Judy Ho is a two-time recipient of the National Institute of Mental Health Services Research Award and hosts an active research program to improve mental health care for high-need populations.”



**KAITLYN IRELAND**  
*CV/Glendale*

“To me, Girl Scouts means having the opportunity to explore and discover more, not just about my community and the world, but myself, as well. While helping to organize GSGLA Heritage Committee’s collection, I really enjoyed rediscovering all the various artifacts and researching more about the history behind them.”



**LISA IRELAND**  
*CV/Glendale*

“To me, Girl Scouts means a time where I can be a part of my daughter’s life and we can go on adventures together. Girl Scouts gives young women in my community opportunities that they might not have had without the program in their lives.”



**SEAN PATRICK IRELAND**  
*CV/Glendale*

“My highlight this past year was helping our local heritage group with their move. I was very glad that I could provide some assistance.”



## 2021 Appreciation Pin Recipients



**YUKIMI ISOM**  
*Santa Monica Bay*

“I have been honored and blessed to meet so many wonderful, powerful, and caring women, some of whom have become lifelong friends. My life

has been enriched beyond my expectations and I am so content and fulfilled to have been a part of this legacy.”



**JESSICA KELLY**  
*Canyon Star*

“I was a Girl Scout for about 3-4 years when I was younger (Brownie and Junior). It was fun, but being a leader takes on a whole new meaning. It’s about

friendships. It’s about family. These girls are my world, and their moms are my best friends.”



**Laurie Jacobs**  
*San Pedro*

“Participating as a National Girl Scout Delegate was so inspiring, especially during a pandemic. Another highlight of the last membership year was having

two of my girls earn their Silver Awards despite the challenges of COVID-19. Superstars!”



**SHARON LEI HAGER**  
*Woodland Hills*

“This last year was a difficult time for all. I was blown away by the girls’ dedication and using their creativity to pivot their respective projects to adhere to Covid

restrictions and guidelines. The results were incredible!”



**ANGELA JURANEK**  
*Holly Hills*

“The highlight of the past Girl Scout year was seeing my girls persevere. My girls were able to find safe ways to set and reach goals, learn new things, earn

badges, AND give back to our community. My girls taught me new ways to lead them.”



**JENNY LEUNG**  
*Alhambra/Rosemead/  
Santa Fe Trails*

“2021 to 2022 was a challenging, but also an amazing year filled with many virtual and drive-through events. The highlight

for me was seeing the incredible resilience, creativity, and optimism displayed by our Girl Scouts and leaders. It was unforgettable!”



**LAURA KATAYAMA**  
*South Torrance*

“I have so much pride in our Gold Award Girl Scouts. Covid-19 challenged them to think very differently and persevere to complete their projects. They

have proven themselves to be creative, inventive, and resilient under very challenging circumstances.”



**LYNN MACK-COSTELLO**  
*Pali/Mali*

“I have been continually impressed with the leadership exhibited by all the leaders in my service unit as they adjusted

schedules and approaches to meetings to ensure they were offering the best program for their girls. They are great role models for the girls.”

## 2021 Appreciation Pin Recipients



**JUANITA MAXWELL**  
*Center City*

“I enjoy volunteering for Girl Scouts because it provides opportunities for girls to be involved in all sorts of activities ranging from camping to crafts.

Girl Scouts is an organization to help girls grow into leading women.”



**CANDACE MILLEK**  
*Torrance*

“Girl Scouts has provided invaluable time spent with my daughter and countless memories we have shared over the years. It means learning new skills, helping others, giving back, building friendships, exploring the world around us, and having fun!”



**GEORGE MCQUEEN**  
*CV/Glendale*

“I remember seeing a hall of pictures of Gold Award recipients. It reminded me of my own granddaughter receiving the award and all the hard work

that goes into achieving that honor. I was proud of my granddaughter as well as these new trailblazers.”



**MICAH MODUGNO**  
*Manhattan Beach*

“The highlight for this past year was absolutely being able to get together with the girls in person and to see their smiling faces again.”



**GRACE MELLIS**  
*San Marino*

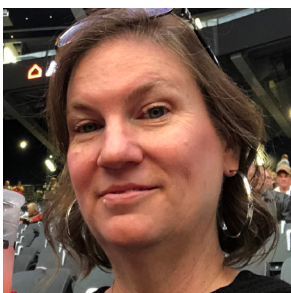
“Our highlight was working on the UPS Rose Parade Float, cutting flowers for the chickens and decoration and then having the float win the Sweepstakes

Award and knowing that our volunteer work made that possible.”



**ERIKA NUTTING**  
*Manhattan Beach*

“The most meaningful part of Girl Scouts is the relationships I have made, both as a girl and an adult. Some of my co-leaders have become my closest friends and I have mentored girls from Daisies into adulthood!”



**BEVERLY MERRILL**  
*Burbank*

“For me, Girl Scouts means staying connected with a group of women who are trying to do right by their daughters. It’s a sense of involvement with our

service unit and volunteering quality time on Girl Scout projects.”



**ELIZABETH O'DONNELL**  
*Mt. View*

“To be a Girl Scout means being a part of a sisterhood that transcends race, religion, education, and economic status. It means giving girls the opportunity to learn new things, make new friends, and to teach them that they can choose who they want to be!”



## 2021 Appreciation Pin Recipients



**JEANNE O'DONNELL**  
*Mt. View*

"I really appreciated the commitment and flexibility demonstrated by troops to be positive, communicate, show empathy, and cultivate

healthy minds during difficult times. It was an honor to contribute to this area of personal growth."



**SARA ROSAS**  
*Southeast*

"Girl Scouts means many things to me: fun, friends, new challenges, exploring, helping others, making others happy, and making the world a better

place with my Girl Scouts Troop 1553 and our Girl Scout sisters."



**ANDY PARK**  
*Board Member*

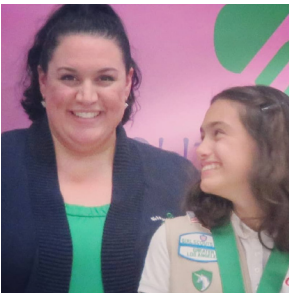
"As a Korean American and first-generation college graduate, Andy is passionate about the power of education and opportunity for underserved

students. He is a proud girl dad and serves on the Board of Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles."



**JASMIN SANDIDGE**  
*Puente Hills*

"My highlight of the year was seeing my girls still excited about Girl Scouts after not being able to meet in person for so long."



**RUTH PEREZ**  
*West Covina*

"To me, Girl Scouts means family. I have been blessed to be a co-leader since my daughter was in kindergarten and many of the girls in our troop have been with

us since the beginning. We have grown together, and I proudly call them my bonus daughters."



**ELENA SAWANT**  
*Las Virgenes*

"Initially, Girl Scouts meant outdoor adventures to me. However, I have discovered there are many resources, community service projects, and learning opportunities available. I just hope as many girls go all the way on this journey and benefit from Girl Scouts."



**JENISE RAMOS**  
*Mission Rose*

"I genuinely believe for myself, my three daughters, and our troop, we are more involved with our community because we belong to Girl Scouts. The

badges and patches provide a selection of activities that encourage community involvement."



**JENIFER SCHMUTZ**  
*Woodland Hills*

"Being a National Delegate for GSGLA was an amazing experience where I felt like I helped make a difference in the movement."

## 2021 Appreciation Pin Recipients



**BRIDGET SIBLEY**  
*Manhattan Beach*

“To me, Girl Scouts means getting to be able to guide an amazing group of girls and provide them opportunities to build and increase their courage, confidence, and character, as they grow into the amazing young women that they are now. Being a Girl Scout Leader is priceless.”



**GAIL TESTA**  
*RDE/Sil-Dom*

“Collaborating with enthusiastic staff about programs, mission, and vision of Girl Scouts is remarkable! Supporting girls to complete Gold and Silver Awards, as well as planning an international trip and being a National Delegate have been high points of this year!”



**CICELY SMART-BROOKS**  
*La Brea Heights*

“The highlight of this past membership year was watching many of my girls that I’ve had since kindergarten graduate from high school, age out of Girl Scouts, and move into the next stages of their lives!”



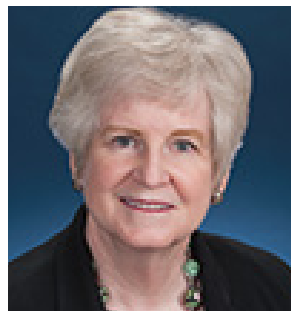
**CHRISTA THOMPSON**  
*Westchester/Del Rey*

“The impact Girl Scouts has had on my community has been amazing! The girls are the best and brightest and are using their time, energy, and creativity to help our community. From homeless kits to book and winter coat drives, they are truly making a difference!”



**FLO SPEAKMAN**  
*King Harbor*

“Girl Scouts is a place where girls and leaders alike get to explore who they are as leaders and members of a larger community. It is truly a place to express and explore our growth mindsets and leadership style.”



**SHELLEY THOMPSON**  
*Board Member*

“A Girl Scout alumna from her Brownie Days, Shelley Thompson served as Board chair from 2018 to 2021 and is GSGLA’s first Board Chair Emeritus. She chaired the “Invest in Girls” task force for GSGLA’s strategic plan and was instrumental to the fundraising campaigns for Camp Lakota and the Inglewood Innovation Center.”



**FRANCESCA TAYLOR, MD.**  
*Pali/Mali*

“The highlight of my year was seeing a Junior girl in my troop complete Bronze, with an entirely virtual project all about bats - her passion! A young adult Girl Scout alumna with expertise in the field encouraged and guided her...an awesome and concrete sisterhood!”



## 2021 Appreciation Pin Recipients



**DARLENE TORRES**

*Marina*

“Being part of the Girl Scout movement means stepping out of my comfort zone, whether it’s helping girls reach their full potential or helping others in our

community. It empowers me and thousands of young ladies to be effective leaders.”



**DENISE WANDEL**

*Manhattan Beach*

“I am very proud to have been a part of the Manhattan Beach Girl Scouts organization - our girls have led numerous projects like ‘Little Libraries,’ book collections,

coat drives, and collections for shelters, in addition to the Gold Award projects.”



**NATALIE TORRES**

*Las Caballeras*

“My daughter loves space, and the Girl Scouts of Citrus selected her experiment to be conducted aboard the International Space Station. It was a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime

experience watching the other Girl Scout winners while their items blasted into space.”



**NIKKI ZULUETA**

*Community Partner*

“Even though I was not a Girl Scout myself, I love being able to inspire young girls to pursue their passion in STEM and learn about the world around them. It’s

great to see them get excited when their designs work or when they discover something new.”

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

Christine Abad

Rebecca Cruz

Jennifer Grammer

Stephanie Rivas

Silvia Alvarran

Alice Demartino

Sara Gustafson

Julie Smith

Vivian Avella

Virginia Egebakken

Annie Heller-Gutwillig

Kimberly Solomon

Julia Bravo

Jacquelyn Ferraro

Jeannie Keasler

Melissa Spence

Cristina Coleman

Guadalupe “Lupe”  
Gonzales

Paula Parvinjah

Grace Coopman

Tiffany Regecz

# 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.*

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



**NICHOLE BECKETT\***  
*Center City*  
**40 Years**

“Throughout my years, I have created companions and enhanced my leadership skills. Throughout my Girl Scout journey and Girl Scout Leader

journey, I have joined and enhanced companions accompanying astonishing girls/women.”



**LISSA (FLICKER) ALFRED\***  
*Holly Hills*  
**45 Years**

“My highlights this year were volunteering at the Cookie Cupboard in Culver City

and running a Sing-along for the Pacific Palisades Service Unit!”



**JUANITA MAXWELL\***  
*Center City*  
**30 Years**

“I enjoy volunteering for Girl Scouts because it provides the opportunity for girls to be involved in all sorts of activities

ranging from camping to crafts. Girl Scouts is an organization that helps girls grow into leading women.”



**DEBORAH HARRIS\***  
*Center City*  
**35 Years**

“Girl Scouts, to me, means helping to develop girls’ confidence, encouraging them to experience something new,

and giving them a platform to display their leadership skills.”



**PHILICIA MAXWELL**  
*Center City*  
**30 Years**

“Girl Scouts has allowed girls to create a lot of first-time memories. Make the unimaginable, tangible. Change

ceilings to glass. Girl Scouts is like a good adventure book-- excited about what will happen next.”



**SUE HILLENDAHL**  
*Mission Rose*  
**55 Years**

“Girl Scouts has played an important role in my life, as a girl member and then as a leader. It has been rewarding to

watch young girls grow into adults and become leaders themselves. Most of all, it’s given me friendships for life.”



# Tenure Numeral Guard



**CAROLE MINGUS**

*Mission Rose*

**50 Years**

“I have developed leadership and life skills, as did the girls, but more importantly, I have also made lasting friendships. Lasting

friendships, for girls and adults, gives them the support they need, as they continue to live their lives.”



**LORRAINE SIMANSKY**

*Stoneyridge*

**50 Years**

“My highlight for the 2021 membership year was seeing all the activities that were available to Girl Scouts through GSUSA

and GSGLA websites, as well as through their troops while we were operating during Covid-19.”

*Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles would also like to recognize the following volunteers receiving the Tenure Numeral Guard:*

## **30 Years**

Karen Bowlin

Shamira Brown

Stephanie Sampson

## **35 Years**

Julie Miller

## **40 Years**

Kim Krivis

## **45 Years**

Jermaine Beckett\*

## **60 Years**

Elizabeth Soukup

# 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.

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



**LISSA (FLICKER) ALFRED\***

*Holly Hills*

**40 Years**

“Girl Scouts means lifelong friends, sisterhood, and affecting the future of all the girls and leaders.”



**SUSAN GUZZARDI**

*Stoneyridge*

**35 Years**

“This year’s highlights were being able to hold Service Unit Adult Recognitions and Bridging Ceremonies for the troops, while observing pandemic restrictions. It was wonderful to be able to recognize everyone’s hard work under trying circumstances.”



**NICHOLE BECKETT\***

*Center City*

**25 Years**

“Throughout my years, I have created companions and enhanced my leadership skills. Throughout my Girl Scout journey and Girl Scout Leader journey, I have joined and enhanced companions accompanying astonishing girls/women.”



**DEBORAH HARRIS\***

*Center City*

**35 Years**

“Using technology allowed us to keep the connection going with our girls. The highlight was to be able to coach them to become more confident by doing presentations and leading virtual cooking workshops.”



**LIZ BUSQUE**

*Bonita*

**25 Years**

“It was truly heartwarming watching the girls step up to help those in need during the difficulties everyone was experiencing because of the pandemic.”



**LISA KWAN**

*Las Caballeras*

**25 Years**

“I feel Girl Scouts provides young girls and ladies with the opportunities to experience things they may not have at home. It builds confidence, compassion, and self-esteem. I feel my four daughters have benefited from being Girl Scouts for so many years.”



**SUSAN DIAZ**

*North Redondo*

**25 Years**

“Girl Scouts helped me become the person I am, starting in 1st grade. I have been involved with Girl Scouts ever since. I have led three troops of girls through 12th grade and have kept in touch with many over the years. They all love camp and lasting friendships.”



**JUANITA MAXWELL\***

*Center City*

**30 Years**

“I enjoy volunteering for Girl Scouts because it provides opportunities for girls to be involved in all sorts of activities ranging from camping to crafts. Girl Scouts is an organization that helps girls grow into leading women.”

# Years of Service Pin

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles would also like to recognize the following volunteers receiving the Years of Service Pin:

## **25 Years**

Anett Assilian

## **40 Years**

Jermaine Beckett\*

# Virtual Vanguard Award

The Virtual Vanguard Award honors the incredible contributions our volunteers have made to connect Girl Scouts to virtual experiences, provide innovative opportunities in a virtual format for girls in a troop, service units, or the community, and exceeded all expectations to continue to mentor Girl Scouts during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

## 2021 Virtual Vanguard Award Recipients

Alayna Sato	Denise Meier	Jill Grass	Matthew Warren	Renata Kanclerz
Alicia Lafaurie	Diane Lumsdaine	Jill Lanigan	Megan Fleuren	Renee Flanagan
Alyse Gleason	Dr. Maribel Garcia	Jodi Harris	Megan Norman	Robin Curtis
Amandalynn Sawyer	Elizabeth Taddeo	Joy Blake	Melissa Herrera	Robyn Arnold
Angela Juranek	Ellen Andersen	Juliana Diaz	Melissa Loeffelholz	Saadia Orantes Lopez
Anne Ruane	Erin Tomanek	Julie Goldin	Melissa Lynch	Sara Alvarez
Annie Heller-Gutwillig	Heather Berger	Kamia Fletcher	Michele Lakier	Sayoko Cox
Annie Walling	Heather St. Dennis	Kathryn Murray	Michele Wahlig	Shana Ballas
Bonnie George	Ilene Knebel	Kathy Vigil	Michelle Dragin	Sheila Kao
Brenda Alcalá-Castaneda	Isabel Rodriguez	Katy Leigh Villari	Nancy Fontan	Simona Aranda
Brynn Malone	Jacqueline Ferraro	Kimberly Griffin	Nicole Block	Stacey Adler
Camilla Good	Jacqueline Robinson	Kimberly Nordyke	Nicole Blue	Sue Hillendahl
Catherine Chittick	Jamie Nassour	Kimberly Schwarz	Noosha Niv	Susan Spencer
Christina Evangelista	Janet KC-Jordan	Lauren Dussinger	Pamela Pernin	Susan Willinger
Danelle Cole	Jeannette Mullins	Leigh-Ann Danner	Paula Russell	Tammylynn Rodriguez
Dawn Hentrich	Jenna Schumacher	Logan Hawkins	Priya Bradfield	Yesenia Diaz
Deb Carson	Jennifer Gruber	Lois Young	Rachael Suarez	
Deborah Hess-Wakeland	Jennifer Rootes	Lorraine Romero	Rachel Eli	
	Jennifer Smolenski	Lynn Cunninham	Rachelle Killackey	
	Jessica Kelly	Maggie Bertisch	Rebecca Root	





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