The 2016 Adult Recognition Awards
Greetings Volunteers,

I am thrilled to celebrate and honor our Council’s outstanding volunteers who have achieved National Adult Recognition this year.

I marvel at the list of Community Awards because I know that these are the businesses that allow our troops to utilize meeting space and participate in the annual Cookie Sale Program. Our Family Awards demonstrate just how deep the roots of Girl Scout service can grow and flourish within new generations. Our list of those individuals receiving the Appreciation and Honor Pins show us the incredible reach of volunteers involved in troops, Service Units and programs. The volunteers receiving the Thanks and Thanks II Badges, as well as the Lifetime Service Award, have given Girl Scouting an enormous gift of time and talent that spans geographic boundaries and nearly defies the fact that there are only 24 hours in a day. When I read these nominations, I would swear that these people have found a stash of extra time that the rest of us didn’t even know about!

I took some time to think about the extraordinary nature of today’s culture of volunteerism in the Girl Scouts. I was struck by the magnitude of each volunteer’s contribution to our organization. I stopped and thought about the value of a new Troop Leader who gets advice and coaching from another at a Service Unit meeting, a food pantry with stocked shelves, a clean beach or a girl being accepted by a peer instead of being teased by one. None of the things I recalled could be accomplished without our volunteers.

The value of volunteering is undeniable. In all, GSSEF is recognizing 326 adults, businesses and families in 2016. This portfolio of recognition represents thousands of hours of hard work, creativity and commitment to our organization. These are the people who make Girl Scouting so meaningful for our girls, our communities and our world. When the outcome of one’s contribution is limitless, then the value of the volunteer time exceeds calculation. Our volunteers are impossible to measure because your value is priceless.

Sincerely,

Denise W. Valz
CEO
The Volunteer of Excellence Award is given to an individual who has contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through use of the national program portfolio or who has contributed outstanding service in support of the council’s mission delivery to girl and adult members.

Congratulations to the 2016 Volunteer of Excellence Recipients:

Brigida Adams, Magnolia
Michelle Ahnell, Luna
Sophia Amadi, Royal Palm
Iris Andino, Royal Palm
Nicole Andrews, Royal Palm
Christina Arocha, Magnolia
Aimee Aycock, Gemini
Tanya Bach, Phoenix
Judith Backof, Gemini
Kara Barkley, Royal Palm
Susan Hamilton Bastida, Sandy Beaches
Stephanie Batten, Phoenix
Claudet Benton, Pegasus
Stephanie Bierman, Phoenix
Jacqueline Binner, Royal Palm
Christy Blackford, Royal Palm
Cyndi Blackwood, Sandy Beaches
Janell Bonner, Phoenix
Barbara Borges, Phoenix
Evelio Borges, Phoenix
Jeanette Borman, Royal Palm
Daphne Bourgeois, Wildflower
Maria Bray, Orange Blossom
Emma Buckley, Magnolia
Jean Cabillot, Royal Palm
Julia Camacho, Magnolia
Kisha Campbell, Orange Blossom
Ramiro Campins, Wildflower
Christine Carlson, Jupiter
Stephanie Carter, Royal Palm
Darla Castillo, Kowechobe
Monica Castro, Magnolia
Andrea Chenet, Atikah
Antonieta Ciliberti, Wildflower
Monique Clay, Royal Palm
Michelle Clemente, Magnolia
Rebecca Cowan, Gemini
Tresa Crabbe, Sea Star
Joseph Crites, Royal Palm
Michele Crites, Royal Palm
Susan Ann Cunningham, Royal Palm
Janiece Davis, Sandy Beaches
Birger De La Pena, Wildflower
Jamie Demboski, Sea Star
Mierka Drucker, Phoenix
Lisa Embree, Gemini
James Eric Essery, Phoenix
Christina Eubanks, Magnolia
Angela Fain, Sunchariot
Lori Farrell, Sandy Beaches
Candy Fender, Gemmni
Danielle Firmino, Sandy Beaches
Crystal Garcia, Pegasus
Nadine Chauvet Gaudry, Kowechobe
Lori Glassman, Magnolia
Gigi Gnanesekaran, Royal Palm
Rebecca Gould, Atikah
Paula Green, Kowechobe
Anna Gromyko, Magnolia
Arlene Gustave, Phoenix
Marissa Hanley, Sandy Beaches
Beth Hartigan, Luna
Jackie Haynick, Atikah
Jennifer Hearn, Sea Star
Jeanna Hendrix, Royal Palm
Gretchen Hoover, Royal Palm
Camellia Hussain, Royal Palm
Georgia Ingraham, Sandy Beaches
Bridget Jacobson, Everglades
Toni Jacobsen, Kowechobe
Christine Jenkin, Hibiscus
Volunteer of Excellence

Carol Johnson, Sunny River
Linda Johnson, Royal Palm
Christina Jones, Indian Treasure
  Kerri Kakiel, Blazing Star
Edith Kappler, Sandy Beaches
  Julie Keegan, Magnolia
  Susan Kelly, Hibiscus
  Kelly Kern, Magnolia
Elizabeth LaMadrid, Kowechobe
  Gina Lambert, Royal Palm
Adela LaPlante, Kowechobe
  Gretchen Larco, Royal Palm
  Gila Libier, Royal Palm
Elizabeth Liebowitz, Everglades
  Maria Lippiello, Jupiter
  Rita Lopez, Royal Palm
Isabel Magette, Royal Palm
  Lynsey Magyar, Phoenix
  Stacey Maler, Kowechobe
Della Mallory, Orange Blossom
  Maggie Mansito, Magnolia
  Anna Marlette, Magnolia
  Natalie Marx, Tri-Star
Heather Mattson, Wildflower
  Susan Mejia, Royal Palm
Bobbi Meloro, Kowechobe
  Laura Morales, Royal Palm
  Autumn Neal, Hibiscus
Washeka Neloms, Orange Blossom
  Anne Nelson, Phoenix
  Ann Neu, Luna
  Denise Niemczyk, Gemini
Jennifer Nordyke, Sunny River
Carmen Nunez, Royal Palm
Patricia Obando, Royal Palm
  Angela Ortiz, Royal Palm
  Angie Parker, Magnolia
  Cathy Parramore, Sunchariot
  Kelly Parsons, Jupiter
  Nancy Pavlica, Sea Star
Cynthia Pericles-Radonis, Tri-Star
  Niena Piedrahita-Pirri, Sunchariot
Annette Poling, Kowechobe
  Andrew Pratz, Phoenix
  Tara Pratz, Phoenix
  Natasha Ramsay, Atikah
  Jessica Reyna, Magnolia
  Marite Ricardo, Royal Palm
  Crystal Richmond, Royal Palm
  Rhonda Rigaud, Indian Treasure
  Barbara Robinson, Orange Blossom
  Linda Robles, Pegasus
  Jennifer Roland, Phoenix
  Edalish Rosario, Sandy Beaches
  Michelle Rosen, Everglades
  Robin Sabino, Tri-Star
  Marcela Sanchez, Wildflower
  Vikki Schaub, Magnolia
  Dawn Schonwetter, Hibiscus
  Ayesha Sharief, Royal Palm
  Alicia Sheffield, Orange Blossom
  Judith Simpson, Pegasus
  Jessica Skidmore, Kowechobe
  Donna Smith, Magnolia
  Sara Srebnik, Everglades
  Angie St. Hilaire, Royal Palm
  Martha Stollberg, Leo
  Laura Strand, Phoenix
  Denise Sulsenti, Royal Palm
  Amanda Tippin, Sea Star
  Bethany Tominson, Sea Star
  Wendy Ullman, Blazing Star
  Analisa VanDelinder, Royal Palm
  Christina Vargas, Wildflower
  Sherry Virostko, Kowechobe
  Sarah Wadley, Kowechobe
  Heide Warwick, Phoenix
  Madelyn Washington, Orange Blossom
  Laura Weiss, Atikah
  Renee Welch, Royal Palm
  Jami Wheeler, Royal Palm
  Sandra White, Hibiscus
  Ysteb Yarnold, Phoenix
  Allison Zimmerman, Phoenix
  Laura Ziton, Magnolia
Appreciation Pin

The Appreciation Pin is given to those who have shown exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This service, which has had measurable impact on one geographic area of service, helps reach and surpass the mission-delivery goals of the area.

Congratulations to the 2016 Appreciation Pin Recipients:

Anitra Agate, Magnolia
Kim Albritton, Gemini
Zaida Alvarez, Kowechobe
Maritsa Benoit, GSSEF Staff
Beth Bertsch, Tri-Star
Christine Blount, Sea Star
Dawn Borrow, Gemini
Amy Brass, Jupiter
Raeann Brewer, Kowechobe
Judi Brightly, Luna
Laura Brihn, Tri-Star
Jennifer Brunner, Wildflower
Catalina Cano, GSSEF Staff
Lisa Carrasco, Kowechobe
Lisa Clerie, Blazing Star
Michael Courembis, GSSEF Staff
Amanda Cumbie, Leo
Terese Dadd, Blazing Star
Lisa DeRubeis, Phoenix
Kathy Doan, Hibiscus
Psyche Doe, Orange Blossom
Joanna Donahoe, Jupiter
Danielle Dow, Blazing Star
Maris Dunn, Luna
Vanessa Essery, Phoenix
Sally Finley, Blazing Star
Caroline Frame, Kowechobe

Becky Gould, Atikah
Jayne Harrington, Kowechobe
Aimee Healey, Sea Star
Linda Hennequin, Wildflower
Sherry Irwin, Phoenix
T'Shombe Johnson, Orange Blossom
Chris MacMullen, Gemmni
Toby Maners, Luna
Amy McLaren, Gemini
Nichole McLaughlin, Orange Blossom
Joanna Menard, GSSEF Staff
Delores (Dee) Michnowicz, Blazing Star
Kanishia Mortin, Tri-Star
Amber O'Brien, Gemini
Jocelyn O'Neill, Jupiter
Shelley O'Sullivan, Royal Palm
Nancy Patterson, Indian Treasure
Rich Roth, GSSEF Staff
Tori-Lynn Saraniti, Leo
Bobby Jo Schambach, Royal Palm
Suzzy Sikler, Royal Palm
Erin Silver, Leo
Jill Sorenson, Phoenix
Faye Souchet, Royal Palm
Shannon Veller, Luna
Lisa Wadley, GSSEF Staff
Owen White, Leo
Kim Worcester, Hibiscus
The Honor Pin is given to those who have shown exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This service, which has had measurable impact on two or more geographic areas of service, allows the Council to reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals.

Congratulations to the 2016 Honor Pin Recipients:

- Karyl Bertram, Gemini
- Sandi Britton-Kluttz, Sandy Beaches
- Chrissy Dixon, Gemini
- Heather Franklin, Jupiter
- Sylvia Hughes, Gemini
- Natalie Johnson, Orange Blossom
- Patty Kopelman, Atikah
- Kelly Michelin, Silver Sands
- Latressa Neal, Orange Blossom
- Sarah Nickoson, Royal Palm
- Rhonda Park, Tri-Star
- Debbie Perez, Gemini
- Kathy Post, Gemini
- Erica Price, Magnolia
- Joyce Shraim, Kowechobe
- Melanie Smith, Royal Palm
- Rebecca Spicer, Wildflower
- Jamie Turner, Gemini
- Kate Van Zile, Hibiscus
The Thanks Badge is given to an individual whose ongoing commitment, leadership and service has had an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the mission-delivery goals and priorities of the entire council or the entire Girl Scout Movement.

Congratulations to the 2016 Thanks Badge Recipients:

Pam Ashworth, GSSEF Staff
Donald Brooks, Leo
Lidia Castillo, Wildflower
Tami Donnally, GSSEF Board Member
Jennifer Goldfarb, Magnolia
Sophie Gutierrez, Jupiter
Burke Michael-Neely, Indian Treasure
Lyn Monnette, Phoenix
Iris Payan, Magnolia
Emma Sampson, GSSEF Board Member
MaryAnn Stetson, GSSEF Board Member
Sandra Stoddard, Luna
The Family Award is given to a family making a significant contribution to Girl Scouting over a period of time by several members of the same family.

Congratulations to the 2016 Family Award Recipients:

Hanley Family, Sandy Beaches
Jarvis Family, Royal Palm
Tinsley Family, Royal Palm

The Thanks Badge II is given to an individual who is a previous Thanks Badge award recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role, resulting in a measurable impact that benefits the Girl Scout Movement.

Congratulations to the 2016 Thanks Badge II Recipients

Debra Byrne-Mathews, Magnolia
Kay Mathis, Pegasus

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Magnolia

Kay Mathis
Pegasus
Girl Scouts has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service; individuals who volunteer in dozens of capacities influencing the lives of thousands of girls each year.

Inspired by these volunteers, Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida introduced a new award in 2014 — the Lifetime Service Award. Its purpose is to recognize individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the Girl Scout mission through consistent and far-reaching acts of volunteerism that has resulted in strengthening of the organization.

These extraordinary individual volunteers give, and give and give to the Girl Scouts - not hundreds of hours, but thousands of them. Not one group of girls— dozens and even hundreds of them. Not even a few years of consistent service, but decades of them. These individuals have given the Girl Scouts a lifetime, and Southeast Florida Girl Scouts are the beneficiaries of their tireless and unyielding commitment.

Congratulations to the 2016 Lifetime Service Award Recipients

Virginia Spencer  
GSSEF Board Member

Laurie Pharr  
Okeechobee
The Community Award is given to a business or organization in the community who has provided considerable contributions of service in forms of facility, financial support or other benefits to the mission and GSSEF.

Congratulations to the 2016 Community Award Recipients:

AC Moore, Gemini
Advanced Auto Parts, Phoenix
All Villages Presbyterian Church, Gemini
Andrew Martineau, Atikah
Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza, Phoenix
Bank of America, Phoenix
Blueline Surf & Paddle Co, Phoenix
BP Gas Station, Phoenix
Butterfield's Restaurant, Phoenix
Carrabbas Grill Restaurant, Phoenix
Chevron Gas Station, Phoenix
Chilis, Wildflower
City of Pembroke Pines, Wildflower
City of Port St. Lucie, Gemini
Coral Cove Elementary School, Wildflower
Dr. Robert Preziosi, Atikah
Eastern Metal Supply, Sunchariot
Epworth United Methodist Preschool, Atikah
Eshirts Direct, Kowechobe
Everglades Elementary School, Phoenix
Golden Corral Restaurant, Phoenix
Hobe Sound Community Chest, Sea Star
Hurricane Grill and Wings, Phoenix
Jo Ann Fabrics, Phoenix
Judge Kathryn Nelson, Gemini
La Quinta Inn & Suites, Blazing Star
Lowes, Phoenix
Moss & Associates, Wildflower
New Horizon, Magnolia
Outback Steakhouse, Phoenix
PDQ Wellington, Phoenix
Praesum Healthcare, Phoenix
Publix 5th Ave, Luna
Publix Camino Real, Luna
Publix Forest Hill, Phoenix
Publix Garden Shops, Luna
Publix Hidden Valley, Luna
Publix Kmart, Luna
Publix Lake Worth Rd, Phoenix
Publix Polo Shoppes, Luna
Publix RPB Blvd, Phoenix
Publix Seminole Pratt, Phoenix
Publix SR 7, Phoenix
Publix Wellington Trace, Phoenix
Publix Woodfield Plaza, Luna
Publix Woods Walk #413, Phoenix
Publix Indiantown Rd, Phoenix
Rick Case Honda, Royal Palm
Romanos Macaroni Grill, Phoenix
Ruby Tuesday, Phoenix
Shell Gas Station, Phoenix
Small Cakes Barkery, Gemini
Sports Grill, Wildflower
St Anastasia's School, Gemini
St Luke Catholic Church, Leo
St. Lucie Mets, Gemini
Starbucks Wellington Plaza, Phoenix
Stevie B's Pizza, Gemini
Sunoco, Phoenix
Team Corbitt, Phoenix
Texas Roadhouse, Wildflower
The Episcopal Church of the Nativity, Gemini
The Ice Cream Club, Phoenix
Toys R Us SR 7, Phoenix
Trinity Lutheran Church, Gemini
Uncle Louie G's, Royal Palm
USA Self Storage, Sunny River
Van Wagner Aerial Media, Wildflower
Village of Wellington, Phoenix
Walgreens Forest Hill, Phoenix
Walgreens Indiantown, Phoenix
Walgreens Lake Worth Rd, Phoenix
Walgreens Southern Blvd, Phoenix
Walgreens SR7, Phoenix
Walmart Belvedere Blvd, Phoenix
Wellington Garden Club, Phoenix
Wild West Diner, Phoenix
Winn Dixie RPB, Phoenix