

girlscouts  
of southeast florida



2024  
**SILVER AWARD  
SHOWCASE**

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024**

**1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

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## WELCOME TO THE GSSEF

# *Silver Award Showcase*

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This annual event is proudly presented by the Gina Rose Montalto Memorial Foundation. With the support of Gina's parents Tony and Jennifer, Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida hosts today's Silver Award Showcase to celebrate the GSSEF Silver Award Class of 2024 and honor Gina's legacy.

Gina was an extraordinary person—her smile lit up a room. Her laughter was infectious and her warm heart invited new friends wherever she went. With a kind and generous spirit, Gina always lent a helping hand and led a life full of joy and love. She was a talented artist, loved cooking, reading, playing sports, and was a top student. As a lifelong Girl Scout, Gina used all her many talents to make the world a better place.

Gina loved being a Girl Scout and was enormously proud of her accomplishments. As she began the ninth grade, she was actively exploring ideas for her future Girl Scout Gold Award.

Gina was a victim of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018. Gina's loving parents, Tony and Jennifer, knew that even as her life was cut short, other Girl Scouts share her dreams of earning the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards.

It is our hope that each Girl Scout earning the Silver Award will remember Gina and hold a little piece of her indelible spirit within them, forever.

*Gina Rose Montalto*

April 22, 2003–February 14, 2018



## ***GSSEF SILVER AWARD SHOWCASE***

We are extremely excited to host this sixth annual event and celebrate Girl Scouts earning the Silver Award as the Class of 2024. This is a special gathering for girls, troops, and families to meet and share amazing Silver Award projects—as well as honor the passionate Girl Scouts behind them!

### ***12:00 P.M.***

Silver Award Information Session for Cadettes  
Hillsboro Room

### ***1:00 P.M.***

Tour the Showcase and meet this year's Silver Award Girl Scouts  
Visit our Pop-Up Retail Store to shop for gifts and recognitions

### ***2:30 P.M.***

#### **Welcome**

Tula Hudson-Miller, Board Chair  
Lisa Y. Johnson, CEO

#### **Presenters**

Tony Montalto with Jennifer Montalto,  
President of the Gina Rose Montalto Memorial Foundation

Ronica Deshmukh and Ava Palazzolo  
2021 Silver Award Project: "Link'n Girls"  
Troop 24529 • Aquarius Service Unit

#### **Silver Award Pinning Ceremony**

Heather Hileman, Senior Vice President of Mission Delivery

#### **Surprise Prize Drawing**

#### **Special Thanks to our volunteers:**

Lammy Askar, Karyl Bertram, Tori-Lynn Saraniti, Jaleesa Smith, and  
Melanie Smith

## LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Silver Award Girl Scouts,

Congratulations on earning the Girl Scout Silver Award! This year, 66 girls earned our organization's highest award for Cadette Girl Scouts, in our Council. Perhaps even more impressive is that your collective projects contributed thousands of hours into our communities as you partnered with dozens of non-profit organizations, schools, animal rescues, beaches, and municipalities with meaningful projects that impacted countless lives.

The Silver Award Class of 2024 took on issues surrounding literacy, mental health, food insecurity, environmental sustainability, and animal overpopulation. Your projects demonstrate the determination, passion, and creativity that lives inside of you – and we are all extremely proud of you!

Earning the Silver Award is an important milestone in your Girl Scout career. The same commitment and leadership that brought you through this process will now continue to carry you to new heights in high school and beyond. While a majority of Girl Scouts have historically “stepped out” of our organization during the middle school years, you took the steps to invest in yourself, push your limits, and carry on to make the world a better place.

We are all here to celebrate with you today and it is my sincere hope that it won't be the last time I see you on the Girl Scout stage. I urge you to harness the passion, creativity, and determination that fueled you to get here today and decide to earn The Gold Award. Make no mistake, you're here to change the world – and we look forward to watching you do it!

Sincerely,



**Lisa Y. Johnson**  
Chief Executive Officer



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The Silver Award is the second highest award of Girl Scouts of the USA, and the highest award that a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. When Girl Scouts decide to work towards earning this award—they set out to create meaningful change by identifying an issue, collaborate with others who care about it too, build a team to help, and work to improve on that issue in a measurable way. Earning the Silver Award means reaching *way beyond* what the world knows as “community service” to Take Action projects that literally change the world. Girl Scouts may pursue this award as an individual or in small groups of up to five people; every Girl Scout dedicates a minimum of 50 hours to bring the project to life.



Meet the **GSSEF Silver Award Class of 2024\*** and tour the showcase to learn more about their incredible projects!

**Troop 00759 | Gemini**

Project Title: “Bags of Hope”

Beneficiary: Treasure Coast High School, Port St.Lucie  
Lanette Lopez

**Troop 10084 | Royal Palm**

Project Title: “Sunscreen Team”

Beneficiary: Manatee Bay Elementary School, Weston  
Inika Chemuru

**Troop 10084 | Royal Palm**

Project Title: “Plastic Pollution Awareness”

Beneficiary: Falcon Cove Elementary School, Weston  
Elah Peralta and Emma Khey

**Troop 10084 | Royal Palm**

Project Title: “Expression Through Dance”

Beneficiary: Hawks Bluff Elementary, Davie  
Gabriella Daise

**Troop 10350 | Blazing Star**

Project Title: “Dog Blankets Project”

Beneficiary: Blessing Blankets Made with Love, Inc.  
Keira Robert

**Troop 10393 | Royal Palm**

Project Title: “Share a Smile”

Beneficiary: Sunrise Senior Center, Sunrise  
Lexi Nicosia

**Troop 10411 | Hibiscus**

Project Title: "Cleaning Beaches"

Beneficiary: Shorelines in Southern Broward County

Jada Mister

**Troop 10415 | Everglades**

Project Title: "S.O.S. (Supply of Sensory) Toys for Classrooms"

Beneficiaries: Park Trails Elementary School, Coral Springs Middle School, and Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

Olivia DeStefano, Madeline Mendes, Valentina Pizzuto-Pedraza, and Marrissa Schechtman

**Troop 10759 | Royal Palm**

Project Title: "Working with Worries"

Beneficiary: Kindergarten and First Graders in the Weston communities

Khloë Zarzycki

**Troop 10759 | Royal Palm**

Project Title: "Owl Boxes"

Beneficiary: Flamingo Gardens, Davie

Ella Hernandez and Paula Rincon

**Troop 10801 | Atikah**

Project Title: "2 Piers Preventing Ocean Pollution"

Beneficiary: People who care about our oceans

Macy Sznitken (Troop 10801) and Bijou LaTorre (Troop 19920)

**Troop 10801 & 19920 | Atikah**

Project Title: "Dog Shelter Awareness"

Beneficiaries: Joyful Pets, Furry Friends Adoption, and Humane Society of Broward County

Alexa Dawkins, Emily Krichbaum, Eliana Krasky, and Layla Parson

**Troop 10804 | Blazing Star**

Project Title: "Reduce the Use of Single Use Plastics"

Beneficiary: City of Coral Springs

Hailey Lockwitz, Lily Richardson, and Sadie Suarez

**Troop 10882 | Wildflower**

Project Title: "Hydration Station"

Beneficiary: Miramar Regional Park, Miramar

Astin Farrior, Gabrielle Harper, and Alyssa Salmon

**Troop 10883 | Blazing Star**

Project Title: "Girl Scout Snack Packs"

Beneficiary: Women in Distress, Broward County

Arabella Delvalle, Madison Soto, and Rebecca Wilson

**Troop 12003 | Everglades**

Project Title: "Supporting Women in Distress of Broward County"

Beneficiary: Women in Distress, Broward County

Laila Castro, Cameron Klopfer, Madeline Nobler, and Madison Rocker

**Troop 12141 | Sandy Beaches**

Project Title: "Boundless Bookworms"

Beneficiary: Mary Ann's Foster Closet, Pompano Beach  
Mackenzie Canizaro and Isabella Nguyen

**Troop 12404 | Orange Blossom**

Project Title: "All the Animals"

Beneficiary: Saving Sage Animal Rescue, Sunrise  
Jayden Gordon, Eleanor Hunley, and Kaylee Myrie

**Troop 12504 | Orange Blossom**

Project Title: "Community Closet"

Beneficiary: Women in Distress, Broward County  
Juliana Ingalls, Katherine King, Mia Prescia, Avery Souffront, and  
Isabella Smith

**Troop 12519 | Atikah**

Project Title: "Used Clothes for Good"

Beneficiary: City of Plantation  
Casey Dantowitz and Sofia Singlan

**Troop 14203 | Magnolia**

Project Title: "Bookshelf for Cleveland Clinic"

Beneficiary: Cleveland Clinic, Weston  
Natalia Andujar, Taylor Carlin, Madison Mangasarian, and Mariana Cue  
Sotomayor

**Troop 14203 | Magnolia**

Project Title: "School Butterfly and Vegetable Garden"

Beneficiary: Championship Academy of Distinction, Davie  
Natalia Samuda

**Troop 14405 | Wildflower**

Project Title: "Comfort Cancer Bags"

Beneficiary: Memorial Cancer Center, Pembroke Pines  
Marlena Groves, Juliana Rickette, and Kylie Schwartzman

**Troop 20189 | Jupiter**

Project Title: "Stories for Strong Ones"

Beneficiary: Quantum House, West Palm Beach  
Madison Thomas and Sarah Rhinehart

**Troop 20403 | Phoenix**

Project Title: "Building a Pawsitive Self Image"

Beneficiary: H.L. Johnson Elementary School, Royal Palm Beach  
Trinity David, Quinn Mawhinney, Lily Meeks, and Rylan Remington

**Troop 20695 | Luna**

Project Title: "The Magic Cookbook"

Beneficiary: Sandpiper Shores Elementary School, Boca Raton  
Lani Nguyen

**Troop 22222 | Phoenix**

Project Title: "Fidget NO More"

Beneficiary: Mama Llama Assisted Living Facility, Wellington

Kaitlyn Johnson and Elise Mendoza

**Troop 24022 | Jupiter**

Project Title: "Save the Animals"

Beneficiary: Clewiston Animal Shelter, Clewiston

Lillith Huber

**Troop 40038 | Gemini**

Project Title: "Baby Blessings"

Beneficiary: HCA Florida St. Lucie Hospital Women's Care Center, Port St. Lucie

Courtney Mindler

**Troop 51007 | Indian Treasure**

Project Title: "String Club Across the Treasure Coast"

Beneficiary: Middle Schools in Indian River County

Nina Ruebusch

# CONGRATULATIONS



*\*Please note, the girls and Silver Award projects listed in this program are inclusive of all GSSEF Girl Scouts who earned the award between October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024, although they may not be present here today. All Silver Award Girl Scouts will receive their award and certificate with GSSEF's congratulations, and at no cost, later this month.*

## *Girl Scout Promise*

On my honor, **I WILL TRY:**

to serve **GOD** and **MY COUNTRY**,  
to **HELP** people **AT ALL TIMES**,  
and to live by the **GIRL SCOUT LAW**.

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## *Girl Scout Law*

I will do my best to be

**HONEST** and **FAIR**,  
**FRIENDLY** and **HELPFUL**,  
**CONSIDERATE** and **CARING**,  
**COURAGEOUS** and **STRONG**, and  
**RESPONSIBLE** for what I **SAY** and **DO**,

and to

**RESPECT MYSELF** and **OTHERS**,  
**RESPECT AUTHORITY**,  
use **RESOURCES WISELY**,  
make the world a **BETTER PLACE**, and  
be a **SISTER** to every **GIRL SCOUT**.

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## *Girl Scout Mission*

**GIRL SCOUTING BUILDS**  
girls of **courage**, **confidence**  
and **character**, who make the  
world a better place.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**

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