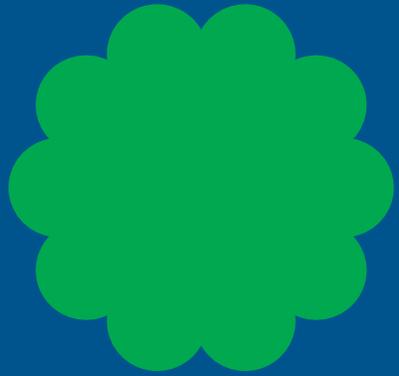




ANNUAL MEETING 2021  
**COUNCIL  
RECOGNITIONS**



## Dear Girl Scout of Ohio's Heartland Volunteers,

We know the past year has been so difficult because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our lives have changed drastically, but what hasn't changed is your dedication to our Movement and to our girls. You've moved meetings to outdoor spaces and Zoom, you've completed badges and projects from afar and found other creative ways to stay connected to your troop. Throughout the past year, you've made a difference in the lives of more than 16,000 girls across our council.

What makes Girl Scouts special is our girl-led programs combined with dedicated volunteers like you. You've been a source of support for girls as their lives keep changing. Because while school, time with family and friends, and so much else is different, Girl Scouts is still a place where they can have new experiences, meet friends and learn new skills.

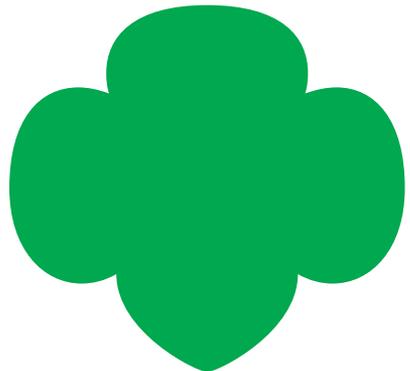
Girls need a safe space to develop their skills and unlock their full potential. Because of you they still have that space. Your continued encouragement opens girls' minds and allows them the opportunity to become future leaders.

We look forward to life returning to normal in 2021 and experiencing more of our traditional events and programs with our girls.

On behalf of everyone at Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council, I express my sincere gratitude.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

**Tammy H. Wharton**  
President & CEO



# APPRECIATION PIN

The Appreciation Pin is given to an adult member who has provided outstanding service to one or more service delivery areas.

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## **Renee Ayers**

*Pickerington*

Every year Renee and her troop raise funds, collect donations and pack hundreds of generous gift bags for the Chillicothe VA Medical Center through a service unit wide project called Valentine's Bags for Veterans. Even with the challenges of COVID-19, Renee and her troop still made this vital project happen. Renee is also taking on the role of day camp co-director ensuring a quality day camp for the girls in her area.

## **Jodi Barnhill**

*Worthington*

As a troop leader for Girl Scout Ambassadors, Jodi has for years developed meetings that were educational and fun. Thanks to her efforts, the girls stayed engaged and excited about Girl Scouts as they grew up. She also instilled in the girls the importance of giving back by mentoring one girl as she earned her Girl Scout Silver Award and managing service projects for the troop.

## **Crystal Bender**

*Helen Crane*

When COVID-19 ended cookie booths early in 2020, Crystal advocated for troops to get assistance if they had inventory for anticipated cookie booths. As a result of her efforts, along with others advocating as well, accommodations were made to assist troops. In her role as the service unit cookie booth coordinator, Crystal goes the extra mile for all the girls in her service unit.

## **Brittany Buckner**

*Jackson*

Brittany encourages her Girl Scout Brownies to take ownership of their troop experience. Brittany makes troop meetings fun by exposing girls to a variety of activities, including making videos for their Take Action projects, playing Name That Tune with Disney songs, taste testing chocolate and more. Early in the pandemic, Brittany connected with her Girl Scouts by creating activity kits to keep the girls engaged.

## **Cat Cameron**

*Logan Valley*

Cat is a considerate and caring troop leader who has not let the challenges of the last year faze her. She volunteers at day camp and coordinates with other troops for meetings and events. Cat not only meets but exceeds the expectations of every task she takes on and she exudes the Girl Scout Law with her friendly attitude and helpful nature.

## **Dinah (Sue) Cornell**

*Indian Rock*

A volunteer for 26 years, Sue has served as a troop leadership volunteer for her three daughters and now for her granddaughter. As part of her troop's dedication to community service, they've hosted a free Thanksgiving dinner for years and in 2020 they provided Thanksgiving dinner to a local homeless shelter. Sue also helps with service unit activities and her passion for Girl Scouts shines through everything she does.

## **Jennifer Dahlgren**

*Olentangy*

Jen ran the Girl Scout Fall Product Program for her service unit, handling everything from training to rewards pick-up. Because of her reminders and encouragement, the service unit achieved its sales goal, meaning each troop received an additional 2% in profits. She created a sign up and ticket system for product pick up to ensure troops got their correct product order quickly.

## **Cheryl Davis**

*Northwest*

Cheryl and her Girl Scout Cadette troop helped coordinate two service unit events last year, including one to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. As a day camp volunteer, Cheryl's creativity helps girls make the most of their time at camp through fun crafts, such as tie-dye, which the girls love. Cheryl will step into any activity and support the girls and volunteers whenever she is needed.

## **Leenita Elliott**

*Olentangy*

As the service unit cookie program coordinator for several years, Leenita handles all communication between the council and the service unit, delivers training, answers questions and more. Leenita is the day camp director too, which also requires coordinating with the council, training volunteers, coordinating buses, and giving out leader assignments. She does a great job answering questions and supporting leaders, which helps retain day camp volunteers.

## **Cari Falk**

*Helen Crane*

Cari is a dedicated day camp volunteer who aims to create the best day camp experience possible for the girls, and she plays a crucial role planning camp activities. Her troop is active in service unit events thanks to Cari's example. She thinks of the girls first in whatever she does and is adaptable, positive and a tremendous asset to her service unit.

## **Carrie Fortman**

*Helen Crane*

Carrie planned service unit activities, including Girl Scout Sunday and a Think Like a Citizen Scientist Journey program for Daisies, Brownies and Juniors. Carrie helped her service unit prepare for day camp in 2020 before it was canceled, and now she is planning STEM and outdoor activities for the 2021 day camp. Plus, she worked with the engagement team to bring more troops to a local school.

## **Chrysty Gouveia**

*Indian Rock*

As a Camp Molly Lauman Day Camp volunteer, Chrysty plans and carries out the craft station for camp each year. She is also a member of her service unit team and plans and executes programs for her service unit, such as workshops and camporees. Chrysty is always willing to help with service unit engagement events and community service projects, such as food drives or benefits for local animal shelters.

## **Kathleen Hutton**

*Northwest*

As a leader for a middle school troop, Kathleen has kept Girl Scouts relevant and engaging for her girls through camping and hosting service unit events. Kathleen was a helpful resource for new troop leadership volunteers, and she shared her knowledge so others can have a positive Girl Scout experience. She has served as the service unit fall product coordinator for several years and helped troops succeed.

## **Heather Jordan**

*Logan Valley*

Already a co-leader for a Girl Scout Cadette troop, Heather has taken on more responsibility by leading a new Girl Scout Daisy troop. She is also a dedicated day camp volunteer and ensures each girl has a great time in her unit. Throughout the pandemic Heather has used resources wisely and still keeps meetings fun with her creativity and sharing Tajar Tales.

## **Jennifer Kurkowski**

*Granville*

Jennifer serves as the service unit coordinator for both product programs. Leading up to each program, she communicates effectively with everyone and during the programs she is patient and ensures every troop has all the information and supplies needed to be successful. She is always available to respond to questions from troop leaders or cookie parents and helps solve any problems that arise.

## **Jennifer Law**

*Morrow County*

Jennifer makes herself available for questions, accomplishes any tasks at the service unit's bank and more as one of the treasurers for her service unit. She is also a mentor to other troop leaders and shares activities her troop has done, highlighting what worked and what didn't to inspire other leaders. Whenever someone needs an idea, a solution or a volunteer, Jennifer is there.

## **Amy Lewis**

*Olentangy*

Amy is a member of her service unit's cookie team and organizes distribution for all cookie rewards, a huge undertaking for her large service unit. With rewards for more than 100 troops, Amy often lets the rewards take over her home as she completes her role with enthusiasm. The service unit members said they are lucky she has taken on this role since the 2017-18 membership year.

## **Brandi Lint**

*Rocky Fork*

Brandi showed her courage by volunteering to run her service unit's day camp in 2019 for the first time, and she approached it with an open mind and a willingness to do what was needed to make it successful. She is always in a good mood and doesn't let challenges faze her. Her service unit wishes they had more volunteers like Brandi.

## **Heidi McManus**

*Little Raccoon*

Heidi oversees a cookie cupboard that serves three service units and thanks to her dedication, troops succeed during the cookie program. She is flexible with her schedule to ensure all troops can pick up their cookies. A Girl Scout since she was in kindergarten, Heidi's love for our Movement shows through in everything she does, including assisting with World Thinking Day and other service unit events.

## **Jennifer Medley**

*Reynoldsburg*

As the service unit cookie booth coordinator, Jennifer has cultivated positive relationships with local businesses to secure additional booth locations so troops have more variety. By being in touch with volunteers and parents throughout the cookie season, Jennifer often realizes people needed something before they even ask for it. She is very responsive, and parents and volunteers appreciate the hard work she puts into the cookie program.

## **Stephanie Mills**

*Crawford*

As the service unit cookie program coordinator, Stephanie goes out of her way to ensure troop leaders have the trainings and products necessary for the program. She promptly responds to emails from leaders when things aren't going smoothly during the cookie program. Stephanie is active in planning and implementing service unit events and is there to lend a helping hand for other events she didn't help plan.

## **Heather Nesser**

*Westerville*

Heather serves as the service unit coordinator for the cookie and fall product programs and goes above and beyond to answer any questions that come up. She also keeps the whole service unit updated by maintaining the unit's Facebook page. Heather has a positive attitude and incredible energy, and she is willing to help whenever needed and is eager to include everyone in activities.

## **Karen Sarver**

*Scenic Hills*

Karen was the service unit coordinator for both the cookie and fall product programs. Karen provided training for both programs to leaders, volunteers and troop coordinators and answered questions and helped them navigate online systems need for each program. She kept troop coordinators up to date with webinars, approaching deadlines and overall helped them stay on top of everything for each program.

## **Vikki Scholl**

*Helen Crane*

Vikki displays a passion to grow Girl Scout membership in her service unit. In summer 2020 she worked with the membership manager to set up open house events and in the fall, she worked diligently to assist a new Girl Scout Daisy troop, even recruiting troop leadership volunteers. She also distributes materials from the membership manager throughout the service unit with the purpose of growing membership.

## **Sarah Tyler**

*Olentangy*

Sarah is part of the service unit cookie team and gets the cookie packets assembled and delivered to more than 100 troops after training. She has served in this role since 2017-2018 and has the experience and expertise to handle any problems that come up. Because of Sarah's excellent organization and communication skills, the service unit quickly distributes all cookie packets.

## **Jane Witherspoon**

*Worthington*

Jane leads and coordinates most service unit activities, including a Juliette Gordon Birthday Party at a local recreation center, a private viewing of "Frozen 2," and a STEM roller skating event. Since the start of the pandemic, Jane has provided different kinds of virtual programs for girls including virtual Friendsgiving and virtual World Thinking Day. She does an amazing job of integrating sisterhood, service and STEM experiences into all activities.



# HONOR PIN

The Honor Pin recognizes an adult member who has provided outstanding service to two or more service delivery areas.

## **Dawn Archey**

*Westerville*

Dawn has been a troop leader for three different troops and drives from West Jefferson to Westerville to participate. She ensures her girls get to experience all Girl Scouting has to offer, and she brings that same enthusiasm to the service unit team as they plan events. She is also a valued member of the service unit team as their treasurer, and her level head calms others when the team faces any difficulties.

## **Stephanie Booth**

*Helen Crane*

As the 2021 cookie cupboard coordinator for her service unit, Stephanie ensured the cupboard was stocked and ready for troops and overcame barriers including the pandemic, weather and cancellations. She made picking up cookies a seamless process for volunteers and was accommodating to the volunteers' cupboard needs. Stephanie has also prepared and hosted service unit camporees, and she is always willing to help other Girl Scouts, volunteers and the community.

## **Jeanna Burrell**

*Big Walnut*

Jeanna continued volunteering and serving as a service unit team member after her daughter's troop graduated. Once the pandemic started, Jeanna created the Big Walnut Girl Scouts Adventure, an activity where families could explore landmarks, parks and outdoor spaces on their own. Additionally, she has taken over planning the Green Hat Society encampment when the volunteer who started the chapter became ill. The encampment attendees will come to Ohio from all around the world.

## **Sarah Corne**

*Scenic Hills*

Not only is Sarah a troop leader, but she also volunteers at day camp and organizes service unit events such as holiday ornament workshops and Founder's Day celebrations. Throughout the pandemic, Sarah has kept her girls engaged by dropping off activity kits, staying in touch through the troop Facebook page and promoting GSOH virtual program opportunities. Sarah's smile lights up the room, bringing joy to her Girl Scout sisters, and she never hesitates to lend a hand when needed.

## **Tara Dean**

*Morrow*

As service unit manager and cookie program coordinator, Tara facilitated meetings and trainings virtually and kept everyone engaged through the service unit Facebook page. She did much of the same as her troop's fall product program coordinator while also making the process of picking up products easy. Tara planned and carried out fun events for her troop throughout the pandemic while utilizing virtual platforms that allowed the girls to visit, giggle, play games and be kids together.

## **Vickie Dillon**

*Morrow*

Vickie is the first face people see when they enter the Mansfield Service Center, and she is always smiling and happy to see people. She's efficient as she helps people find what they need in the Girl Scout Shop, and if someone doesn't know what they need, Vickie will offer suggestions. When Vickie handles calls through Customer Care, she knows the answer to almost any question, and she commiserates with volunteers' dilemmas and celebrates their achievements as well.

## **Virginia Finley**

*Helen Crane*

As the 2020 service unit fall product coordinator, Virginia was diligent with safety measures during the program. As volunteers picked up items, Virginia set up individual pick-up times, had hand sanitizer ready and required masks throughout the process to keep people safe. This was the first event the service unit held during the pandemic and because of her preparation, Virginia made the process seamless for those working with her.

## **Lynn Kapple-Williams**

*Helen Crane*

Lynn is a co-leader for two troops, the service unit treasurer, delegate to council and a co-director for day camp — a prime example of her willingness to ensure a Girl Scout experience for all. Once the pandemic started, Lynn organized a quarantine fun patch for the service unit, obtained the patches and made them available for contactless pickup. She lends her expertise willingly to help other volunteers.

## **Bobbie Jo McCarty**

*Rocky Fork*

Not only did Bobbie Jo help her Girl Scout Juniors earn their Bronze Award during the pandemic, but she also served as her service unit's secretary and treasurer. She is a calming influence on the service unit team and goes above and beyond to help with service unit meetings. Bobbie Jo is also a day camp volunteer and comes to camp every year with a great attitude.

## **Michelle Montague**

*Morrow*

Michelle shares her Girl Scout knowledge by serving as the service unit treasurer, overseeing volunteer recognitions, mentoring other troop leaders and being her troop's cookie program coordinator. The service unit did not have volunteer recognition nominations prior to Michelle overseeing it, but under her direction in 2020 it had four nominations. As a mentor, Michelle shares information about badges, Journeys, highest awards, trips and ways to keep girls engaged as they grow up.

## **Stacey Neff**

*Olentangy*

Stacey provides steady and insightful leadership for her service unit. She is working with the service team in the transition from a single manager to a management team and she serves as the manager, treasurer and delegate. As the bus coordinator for day camp, Stacey created and implemented a new protocol for the bus transportation system, helping it move more efficiently. Stacey also volunteers at camporees and her knowledge leading activity stations and cooking outdoors makes this first camp experience easier for girls and leaders.

## **Gerri (Lynn) Sinclair**

*Little Raccoon*

As the service unit cookie booth coordinator, Lynn is dedicated to her duties ensuring the service unit has enough booths confirmed so troops can succeed. She spends hours driving to businesses throughout the service unit to get paperwork signed and places confirmed to hold booths. Without her exemplary work as the cookie booth coordinator, the service unit's cookie program would not succeed like it does.

## **Missy Tate**

*Morrow*

All the plans the service unit team had were halted once the pandemic started, but Missy kept a positive attitude and helped the service unit team keep girls engaged through activities posted on social media and in other ways. She focused on retention and pulled ideas from all the volunteers to create fabulous activities and retention workshops. Through her actions, Missy has kept volunteers motivated and inspired through a difficult year, helping the service unit team succeed.

# THANKS BADGE

The Thanks Badge recognizes an adult member whose performance is truly outstanding and benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout Movement.

## **Sue Daly**

*Big Walnut*

Sue is the heart of her service unit, serving as service unit coordinator for both product programs for as long as anyone can remember. The ultimate Girl Scout volunteer, she assists at events and camporees and passes on Girl Scout traditions to younger generations. She is always amazing her fellow volunteers, most recently by starting a local chapter of the Green Hat Society and organizing an encampment to bring adult Girl Scouts from all over the world to Ohio's heartland. Sue's love for community, service and Girl Scouting makes her an inspiration to fellow volunteers.

## **Mary "M" Mason**

*Olentangy*

M does it all — she leads two troops, facilitates multiple girl camporees, trains program aides at day camp and is one of three service unit managers. She attends council meetings, facilitates monthly leader meetings and more as a service unit manager. M's passion for camping and ability to organize larger events for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors has challenged the girls and helped them develop outdoor skills. M's ability to train PAs for day camp is unmatched as she teaches girls to be strong leaders.

## **Dee Snyder**

*Rocky Fork*

As service unit manager, Dee made sure her service unit hasn't missed a meeting during the pandemic and has kept the team on track. When other aspects of life were uncertain, Dee provided stability and inspiration. She also coordinates two regional service projects, one that provides food and supplies to the homeless and another that sends care packages to stationed military members. Dee has so much Girl Scout wisdom after leading her daughter's troop from Girl Scout Daisies through Ambassadors and she shares her insights with new leaders, helping them succeed.

## **Natalie Swider**

*Northwest*

Natalie is dedicated and creative in her roles as troop leadership volunteer, service unit cookie program coordinator, service unit team member, day camp volunteer and other positions. She provided meaningful, safe in-person programming for her troop and other girls in the service unit during the pandemic that supported their mental and emotional health. As a longtime day camp volunteer, Natalie provides girls throughout the council the opportunity to develop unique skills through special outdoor experiences. Because of her positive and calm demeanor, Natalie is a wonderful role model for girls as well as her fellow volunteers.

# THANKS II BADGE

The Thanks II Badge honors a previous Thanks Badge recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role which resulted in a measurable impact benefiting the entire Girl Scout Movement.

## **Diane Marin**

*Rocky Fork*

Diane serves as her service unit's cookie program coordinator and gives volunteers tips to help each troop have a successful cookie program. She shares her vast knowledge through training sessions and makes sure volunteers know what happens in each phase of the program and all the other little things in between. As part of training the volunteers, she hosted a mock cookie booth so they could get comfortable with booths. She went the extra mile by creating instruction sheets for volunteers about tracking cookie sales. Outside of the cookie program, Diane still leads a large and active troop of Girl Scout Seniors. She serves the whole council by playing an instrumental role in the planning of Adult Camporee.

# PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The purpose of the President's Award is to recognize the efforts of a service unit toward supporting the council during a membership year (Oct. 1 – Sept. 30).

For Girl Scout year 2019-20 the following service units completed the requirements for the award:

**Tecumseh Service Unit**  
**&**  
**Big Walnut Service Unit**

Service units that receive the President's Award will have a tree planted and their name added to the plaque at the President's Award Grove at the camp of their choice.