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## Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Honors Adult Volunteers

**Cicero, N.Y.** (April 30, 2021) — In honor of National Volunteer Month, the [Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Council](#) (serving 24 counties in New York and two in Pennsylvania) is recognizing all 3,188 of the adult volunteers who give their time and dedication to local Girl Scouts. During the month of April, the council, girls, their families and communities find special ways to thank local Girl Scout volunteers.

Last Thursday, April 22, GSNYPENN held its first-ever Virtual Volunteer Appreciation Night. The gathering took place via Zoom on Girl Scout Leader’s Day, a national Girl Scout “holiday” honoring adult volunteers who work as troop leaders and mentors in partnership with Girl Scouts.

This week, the council posted online recognitions across its social media channels celebrating the volunteers receiving 174 special awards and 170 Year Pins this member year. All special awards will be hand-delivered to volunteers’ homes by membership support staff by the end of May across all 26 counties.

“Our adult volunteers are the lifeblood of Girl Scouts and make a direct impact on girls’ lives every day. They are in our communities delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and we can never thank them enough for all that they do. Their service to Girl Scouts has been especially important after the last year—living, working and volunteering through a pandemic. They’ve managed to keep our girls and troops ‘together while apart’ and that in itself is truly remarkable considering the circumstances. They’ve provided a sense of normalcy for girls during such a challenging time and for that we are forever grateful,” says Christina Verratti, Director of Membership Support.

For those interested in volunteering with Girl Scouts, the council is hosting two upcoming hour-long virtual meetings, “5 Signs You Should Be A Troop Leader,” on Friday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 16 at 11 a.m. Staff and current troop leaders will help answer questions regarding time commitments, challenges and rewards, making it work and the troop leader support system. Register now at [gsnypenn.org/5signsMay14](https://gsnypenn.org/5signsMay14) or [gsnypenn.org/5signsMay16](https://gsnypenn.org/5signsMay16).

The following special recognitions were presented to GSNYPENN volunteers:

**2021 GSNYPENN Hall of Fame Inductee**

*Recognizes a lifetime commitment to the Girl Scout Movement within GSNYPENN; recipient has supported council in a variety of ways including supporting Girl Scouts in the community, volunteering in a variety of roles and through a financial gift*

Bette Mayne, Sherburne, NY

Bette has been a Girl Scout for more than 60 years. As a girl member, she graduated high school having earned the Curved Bar (today’s Gold Award equivalent), the highest honor in Girl Scouting. An active Service Unit and troop volunteer of more than 50 years, her standout dedication to girls in the community shines through. She has offered a place for girls to matter, have value and experience a life beyond the walls of their family. She always ensures girls understand the significance of Girl Scouting, traditions and the role they play in those traditions. Bette is also a gift to her peer volunteers—mentoring, supporting and empowering women in the community to develop their personal leadership abilities. Bette creates an inclusive environment for volunteers, welcomes leaders even if they have no daughters involved in Girl Scouts, empowers women to take on lead roles and supports the family’s role in Girl Scouting. The ripple effect of Bette’s touch reaches far and wide across the GSNYPENN council.



**President's Award**

*Recognizes a service unit team who surpasses service unit goals and results in significant, measurable impact toward reaching the council's overall goals*

Service Unit 112 – Cicero North Syracuse  
Service Unit 118 – Western Hills  
Service Unit 139 – Fayetteville Manlius  
Service Unit 213 – Northern Community  
Service Unit 222 – Rome  
Service Unit 425 – Caywasco  
Service Unit 432 – Six Pines  
Service Unit 445 – Maple Valley  
Service Unit 448 – Valley Hills  
Service Unit 450 – Mt. Laurel  
Service Unit 512 – Indian Trails (Fort Drum)

**Ever-Green Award**

*Recognizes volunteers who have previously received the Appreciation, Honor, Thanks or Thanks Badge II; the volunteer continues to provide amazing efforts for a minimum of three years after receiving the original award*

Mika Pizzola, Cortland, NY  
Lynda Wright, Phelps, NY

**Thanks Badge**

*Recognizes a volunteer for outstanding service that has benefited the entire council or Girl Scout Movement*

Rose Cook, Alfred, NY

**Honor Pin**

*Recognizes a volunteer for outstanding service to two or more service units or geographic areas*

Jennifer Erzen, Manlius, NY  
Jeffrey Osborn, Blossburg, PA

**Appreciation Pin**

*Recognizes a volunteer for outstanding service to one service unit or geographic area*

Tammi Cersoli, Millerton, PA  
Torrie Danks, Watertown, NY  
Beth DeWalt, Ithaca, NY  
Holly Folsom, Ithaca, NY  
Samantha Hanbach, Andover, NY  
Sandy Hey, Stanley, NY  
Nicole Hoy, Camillus, NY  
Susan Kilmer, Wyalusing, PA  
Kathleen Lawrence, Ogdensburg, NY  
Wendy Moore, Locke, NY  
Susan O'Donnell, DeWitt, NY  
Becki Phillips, Heuvelton, NY  
Brent Phillips, Heuvelton, NY  
Dan Poorman, Horseheads, NY  
Patti-Jo Shaffer, Watertown, NY  
Yahna Solowiej, Apalachin, NY  
Kathleen Wilde, Union Springs, NY  
Sarah Woodworth, Baldwinsville, NY

**Volunteer of Excellence**

*Recognizes outstanding service providing the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls or supporting building girls of courage, confidence and courage who make the world a better place*

Christina Akins, Auburn, NY

Memory Berry, Watertown, NY  
Karen Bertrand, Manlius, NY  
Erika Bird, Jamesville, NY  
Jennifer Casler, Lacona, NY  
Gretchen Cicora, Springwater, NY  
Melissa Clouse-Knowles, Wyalusing, PA  
Debbie Cohen, Camillus, NY  
Wendy Comstock, Savona, NY  
Karina Connolly, Geneva, NY  
Liz Durfey, Oswego, NY  
Julie Forget, Syracuse, NY  
Ashley Gilbert, Pulaski, NY  
Susan Hoskins, Elmira, NY  
Kathleen Hougland, Fayetteville, NY  
Malee Irving, Groton, NY  
Paige Kennedy, Fayetteville, NY  
Jeanne Kisacky, Ithaca, NY  
Erin Krell, Auburn, NY  
Lynn LaBarge, Baldwinsville, NY  
Kathleen Lewis, Fort Plain, NY  
Brietta Lowman, Fort Drum, NY  
Erin Malay, DeWitt, NY  
Abigail Marnell, Locke, NY  
Charlotte "Cesca" Miller, Vestal, NY  
Sarah Munsey, Macedon, NY  
Kim Nemi, Syracuse, NY  
Rose Marie Parker, Pulaski, NY  
Kristy Partridge, Auburn, NY  
Rashell Pastore Boyd, Whitesville, NY  
Yolanda Peterson, Fort Drum, NY  
Brianna Procopio, Baldwinsville, NY  
Jessica Rogers, Clifton Springs, NY  
Jan Rumsey, Grover, PA  
Anni Ryan, Van Etten, NY  
Jenny Saluti, Syracuse, NY  
Lisa Scanlon, Ithaca, NY  
Melinda Sheppard, Moravia, NY  
Diana Sochor, Vestal, NY  
Monica Touesnard, Ithaca, NY  
Amy Vergamini, Camillus, NY  
Florencia Vidal-Garavito, Carthage, NY  
Kim Vitale, Manlius, NY  
Brad Werner, Newfield, NY  
Lisa Westmiller, Auburn, NY  
Kathy Winkler, Dolgeville, NY  
Rebecca Winterson, Syracuse, NY  
Jessica Yurco, Auburn, NY

### **Trefoil Award**

*Recognizes a Girl Scout volunteer team (three or more) that works together to accomplish amazing goals*

#### Service Unit 137 Team – Jamesville Dewitt

Kathleen Hougland  
Sue O'Donnell  
Kira Reed  
Jenny Saluti  
Rebecca Winterson  
Doug Yung

#### Service Unit 436 Team - Tioga Center Nichols

Carol Barnes  
Elizabeth Hosmer  
Erika Kalgren

Rebecca Kithcart  
Laura Smith  
Dianne Zelaska

Service Unit 445 Team – Maple Valley

Amy Hall  
Stacie Mullens  
Kari Weir

Service Unit 512 Team - Indian Trails (Fort Drum)

Melissa Johnson  
Megan Miller  
Brittany Raines

**Spirit Award**

*Recognizes a volunteer who supports the Girl Scout Movement by diligently working behind the scenes*

Katrina Baliva, Union Springs, NY  
Kelly Bonsignore, Elmira, NY  
Tiffany Butler, Fort Drum, NY  
Kelly Cardwell-Roman, Rome, NY  
Martha Deide, Fayetteville, NY  
Ashley Durham, Ogdensburg, NY  
Nichole Ector, Elmira, NY  
Samantha Galliher, Clinton, NY  
Angie Gemignani, Trumansburg, NY  
Elizabeth Gentner, Redwood, NY  
Sarah Gridley, Fayetteville, NY  
Brenda Jock Derouin, Sackets Harbor, NY  
Theresa Johnson, Cortland, NY  
Erika Lambert Zukher, Fayetteville, NY  
Carleen Lattin, Montour Falls, NY  
Kim McCargar, Adams Center, NY  
Laurie McLaughlin, Dansville, NY  
Jean Mendelsohn, Millport, NY  
Jessica Miller, Rome, NY  
Alice Morse, Lindley, NY  
Anna O'Brien, Minoa, NY  
Alicia Rauber, Dansville, NY  
Edith Rawleigh, Canaseraga, NY  
BJ Reynolds, Remsen, NY  
Kerith Roux, Baldwinsville, NY  
Missy Rozengota, Elmira, NY  
Molly Russell, Apalachin, NY  
Kally Schoenfeldt, Vestal, NY  
Melissa Shipherd, Canandaigua, NY  
Charlene Stafford, Port Byron, NY  
Rachel Stoneham, Newark, NY  
Chris Tice, Syracuse, NY  
Diane Timmons-Shaffer, Cortland, NY  
Sandy Tratt, Auburn, NY  
Michelle Van Cuyck, North Rose, NY  
Kim Westcott, Oswego, NY  
Nicole Winters, La Fargeville, NY

**Good Guy Award**

*Recognizes a male volunteer who has given extraordinary or uncommon service in his community or in the council*

Peter Ashworth, Syracuse, NY  
Andrew Bagley, Syracuse, NY  
Tyler Boyd, Whiteville, NY  
Robert Lally, Syracuse, NY

Craig Parker, Pulaski, NY  
Kurt Ward, Watertown, NY  
Robert Woodberry, Deposit, NY  
Doug Yung, Jamesville, NY

### **Rising Star Award**

*Recognizes a first- or second-year leader who has hit the ground running and made an immediate impact on Girl Scouts*

Mindy Andrews, Canandaigua, NY  
Jaimee Baldwin, Wellsville, NY  
Becky Begley, Ilion, NY  
Elizabeth Brando, Willet, NY  
Amanda Brown, Syracuse, NY  
Holly Chase, Cameron Mills, NY  
Brooke Colizzi, Penn Yan, NY  
Crystal Cornacchia, Newport, NY  
Nichole Covert, East Syracuse, NY  
Haley Dossinger, Ithaca, NY  
Julianne Doyle, Potsdam, NY  
Becky Greenstrom, Vestal, NY  
Corri Haus, Newfield, NY  
Elizabeth Huffman, La Fargeville, NY  
Brittanie Kesecker, Newark, NY  
Natalie Lee, Syracuse, NY  
Lila Love, Theresa, NY  
Shannon Maccarrick, Trumansburg, NY  
Stacia Maphis, Montour Falls, NY  
Kathy McNulty, Clay, NY  
Katelyn Millay, Adams Center, NY  
Justyne Mynch, Theresa, NY  
Rachel Nascimento, Ithaca, NY  
Maria Podbelski, Jamesville, NY  
Courtney Post, Hornell, NY  
Lauren Powers, Locke, NY  
Amanda Rumble, Sandy Creek, NY  
Lacasta Saville, Scipio Center, NY  
Jenn Schenck, Union Springs, NY  
Jeanette Simpson-Gilbert, Rock Stream, NY  
Rhonda Sorber, Apalachin, NY  
Kari Staley, Keuka Park, NY  
Amanda Steadman, Whitesville, NY  
Jessica Synenki, Little Falls, NY  
Stephanie Taylor, New Hartford, NY  
Christine Williams, Carthage, NY  
Cora Mae Williams, Moravia, NY  
Alaina Zeh, Woodhull, NY  
Angela Zeh, Woodhull, NY

### **Volunteer Years of Service Award Pin**

*Recognizes an adult member for years of active volunteer service at 5-year intervals*

#### **50 Years**

Kathryn Travalee, Syracuse, NY

#### **40 Years**

Bruce Dailey, Endwell, NY  
Sandra McCarthy, Ogdensburg, NY  
Adlain Milheim, Mansfield, PA  
Marilyn Paradis, Potsdam, NY

#### **30 Years**

Suzanne Bice, Ogdensburg, NY

Torrie Danks, Watertown, NY  
Susan Scott, Potsdam, NY

### **25 Years**

Cindy Baker, Hamilton, NY  
Carol Kelso, Ogdensburg, NY  
Sharon Vitale, Auburn, NY

### **20 Years**

Ruth Howell, Groton, NY  
Michele Pyle, Port Byron, NY

### **15 Years**

Amber Allen, Lowville, NY  
Jennifer Davis, Dryden, NY  
Amy DeJohn, Baldwinsville, NY  
Sarena Guerard, Brasher Falls, NY  
Mary-Kay Hasenjager, Aurora, NY  
Kristine Joslyn, Newark, NY  
Helen Pflueger, Auburn, NY  
Joanne Reed, Campbell, NY  
Elizabeth Renzetti, Geneva, NY  
Cindy Rizza, Lowville, NY  
Michael Sabo, Endicott, NY  
Lisa Templar, North Rose, NY  
Sandy Tratt, Auburn, NY

### **10 Years**

Sarah Baden, Oneonta, NY  
Maureen Bailey, Penn Yan, NY  
Meghan Barbay, Seneca Falls, NY  
Celia Barr-Chagnon, Brasher Falls, NY  
Shirley Brown, Clifton Springs, NY  
Angela Conger, Groton, NY  
Karie Cottrell, Jamesville, NY  
Rick Craft, Lyons Falls, NY  
Stacy Curtis, Auburn, NY  
Jennifer Foot-Dean, Groton, NY  
Paula Freeman, Walworth, NY  
Tamara Harris, Liverpool, NY  
Julia Macreery, Fayetteville, NY  
Kimberly McCargar, Adams, NY  
Ann Olmstead, Penn Yan, NY  
Amanda Prigge, Wayland, NY  
Stephanie Robinson, North Syracuse, NY  
Molly Russell, Apalachin, NY  
Chavelle Marie Skrastins, Syracuse, NY  
Debra Smith, Vestal, NY  
Erica Stupke, Dryden, NY  
Jaclyn teRiele, De Kalb Junction, NY  
Danielle Towne, Gouverneur, NY  
Daneille Tracy, Union Springs, NY

## **Membership Numeral Guard**

*Recognizes the total number of years registered as a Girl Scout member, including both girl and adult years*

### **60 Years**

Sharon Puleo, Utica, NY

### **45 Years**

Sheri Caspari, Weedsport, NY

June Joseph, Cato, NY

Diane Hughes, Binghamton, NY

### **40 Years**

Constance Ruane, Cortland, NY

Deborah Schwarting, Weedsport, NY

### **35 Years**

Tami Dowdle, Bath, NY

Julie Drozdowski, Binghamton, NY

Christine Tracy, Skaneateles, NY

Janis Warner, Newfield, NY

Debra Wojcicki, Watertown, NY

### **30 Years**

Jennifer Cummings, Bainbridge, NY

Christine Grubbs, Liverpool, NY

Lisa Kaminski, Seneca Falls, NY

Desiree Kelso, Ogdensburg, NY

Trina Mitchell, Ogdensburg, NY

Deborah Rachon, Newport, NY

Missy Rozengota, Elmira, NY

### **25 Years**

Tracey Bachner, Dryden, NY

Katrina Heiss, Ogdensburg, NY

Anna Lawrence, Ogdensburg, NY

Jenny Saluti, Syracuse, NY

Rhonda Sorber, Apalachin, NY

Heather Stevens, Central Square, NY

Kayleigh Stevens, Central Square, NY

Ellen Wright, Ogdensburg, NY

### **20 Years**

Judith Augustine, Horseheads, NY

Diane Bloom, Manlius, NY

Jennifer Clancy, Penn Yan, NY

Nichole Ector, Elmira, NY

Vanna Ellis, Oswego, NY

Katherine Haberer, Central Square, NY

Maureen Hayden, Horseheads, NY

Alexis Michael, Heuvelton, NY

### **15 Years**

Brenda Bozeat, Elbridge, NY

Patricia Corey, Rome, NY

Laura Drachenberg, Manlius, NY

Holly Folsom, Ithaca, NY

Nancy Fritcher, Phoenix, NY

Madeleine Grobelny, Moravia, NY

Sydney Hasenjager, Aurora, NY

Amanda Jasek, Boonville, NY

Jamie Kieffer, Natural Bridge, NY

Amy King, Syracuse, NY  
Zoe Martin, Ogdensburg, NY  
Megan Miller, Fort Drum, NY  
Susan Morell, Oneonta, NY  
Carolyn Zanta, Potsdam, NY

### **10 Years**

Sara Ames, Syracuse, NY  
Marie Apgar, Freeville, NY  
Larissa Brenner, Manlius, NY  
Theresa DeFazio, North Bay, NY  
Beth DeWalt, Ithaca, NY  
Jacqueline Eng, Manlius, NY  
Jennifer Erzen, Manlius, NY  
Jennifer Frailey-Custer, Endicott, NY  
Sandra Fraleigh, McLean, NY  
Janeen Long, Marietta, NY  
Rosemarie Maneri, Ogdensburg, NY  
Erica Mendelsohn, Millport, NY  
Melissa Parsons, Penn Yan, NY  
Kelly Tanner, Lowville, NY  
Liz Winfield, Dryden, NY

### **5 Years**

Jennifer Barton, Windsor, NY  
Karen Bertrand, Manlius, NY  
Sebrina Bickal, Lansing, NY  
Tiffany Butler, Fort Drum, NY  
Deborah Cohen, Camillus, NY  
Kimberly Cook, Spencer, NY  
Gwendlyn Delarm, Vestal, NY  
Roberta Declercq, Deposit, NY  
Ann Marie Derecola, Syracuse, NY  
Julianne Doyle, Potsdam, NY  
Yingi Fang, Manlius, NY  
Stacey Fiederer, Kirkville, NY  
Anna Fikes, Jordan, NY  
Beth Fritz, Manlius, NY  
Anna Gilmore, Auburn, NY  
Andrea Gleason, Elmira, NY  
Carrie Grooms, Camillus, NY  
Katrina Harkleroad, Prattsburgh, NY  
Heather Henrich, Sayre, PA  
Heather Hollister, Freeville, NY  
Beth Hutter, Sidney, NY  
Marie Karasin, Ithaca, NY  
Jacalyn Nino, Groton, NY  
Shanna Norris, Fort Drum, NY  
Elizabeth O'Dell Wehling, Horseheads, NY  
Alice Phillips, Locke, NY  
Becki Phillips, Heuvelton, NY  
Cheri Phillips, Horseheads, NY  
Michelle Podolec, Horseheads, NY  
Dan Poorman, Horseheads, NY  
Kim Poorman, Horseheads, NY  
Darlene Pound, Prattsburgh, NY  
Melissa Quinn, Endicott, NY  
Alicia Rauber, Dansville, NY  
Kerith Roux, Baldwinsville, NY  
Jan Rumsey, Grover, PA  
Nicole Schea, Wellsboro, PA  
Holly Schell, Central Square, NY  
Jenn Schultz, Marietta, NY



Jamie Seamans, Groton, NY  
Lora Searles, Endicott, NY  
Kimberley Siegenthaler, Sidney Center, NY  
Amanda Smith, Endicott, NY  
Alison Stephens, Wayland, NY  
Jessica Strange, Groton, NY  
Dee Sunday, Van Etten, NY  
Beth Todd, Brasher Falls, NY  
Nicole Tulsey, Vestal, NY  
Kristy Vance, Lowville, NY  
Christine Ward, Ogdensburg, NY  
Kari Weir, Hornell, NY  
Monica Wilczak, Lisle, NY  
Christine Williams, Carthage, NY  
Nicole Winters, LaFargeville, NY  
Jenny Woodberry, Deposit, NY  
Carli Yeager-Hall, Sayre, PA  
Jessica Zwierzynski, Apalachin, NY

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**About Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Inc.**

Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. We believe in the power of every girl to change the world. Our extraordinary journey began in 1912 when our Movement was founded by Juliette Gordon “Daisy” Low. Today, we continue the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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