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Girl Scouts Honor Community Foundation's Diane L. Brown as 2020 Woman of Distinction at March 31 Event

Binghamton, N.Y. (March 6, 2020) — The [Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways](https://www.gsnypenn.org) (GSNYPENN) Council has selected Diane L. Brown as its newest Woman of Distinction honoree. A lifelong resident of the Binghamton area, Brown has been involved in nonprofit and community service for over 40 years. Since 2006, she has served as executive director of the [Community Foundation for South Central New York](https://www.southcentralny.org) serving Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and Tioga counties.



“Women of Distinction are an exceptional group of women who exhibit outstanding leadership through mentoring, community service and/or business. This leadership embodies the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We’re thrilled to bestow this honor on Diane in recognition of her leadership and impact on the greater Binghamton community,” says GSNYPENN CEO Julie Dale.

Brown will be honored at a breakfast celebration on Tuesday, March 31 from 7:30-9 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Binghamton, 225 Water St. Tickets are on sale at gsnypenn.org/WOD. Cost per attendee is \$45. Registration closes March 24. For event registration assistance and/or questions, please contact Angela Smith at 1.855.213.8555 x2020 or asmith@gsnypenn.org.

Proceeds from the celebration support scholarships for GSNYPENN Gold Award Girl Scouts. The “mark of the truly remarkable,” the Gold Award is Girl Scouting’s highest achievement.

Since 1916, it has stood for excellence and leadership. Over the course of the last century, millions of Girl Scouts have positively impacted their communities and the world with creative, impactful and sustainable Take Action projects. Gold Award Girl Scouts are the dreamers and doers who take “make the world a better place” to the next level.

Scholarship funds are used by girls toward advancing their education at an institution of higher education. To be selected, the recipient’s Gold Award project must demonstrate the highest level of leadership, sustainability, measurability and national/global links among the current class.

The 2020 Women of Distinction Committee is comprised of co-chairs Dr. Linda Biemer (2000 honoree) and Margherita Rossi (2019 honoree). Members include Kathryn Grant Madigan, Esq. (2008 honoree), Katherine A. Fitzgerald, Esq. (2015 honoree), Lana Rouff (2004 honoree), Rita Chirumbolo Ernstrom (2005 honoree), Sheila Doyle and Maureen D. Wilson CCIM, SIOR (2013 honoree).

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Girl Scouts serves girls in grades K-12. Annual membership is \$25. Financial assistance is available. To register a girl online, visit gsnypenn.org/join. To become an adult volunteer, learn more at gsnypenn.org/volunteer.

(photo courtesy of Diane L. Brown)

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