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## **Local Girl Scout Members Earn President's Volunteer Service Awards**



*L-R: Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways members Ann Marie Derecola of Syracuse, N.Y., Kira Reed of Jamesville, N.Y., Rayna Reed of Jamesville, N.Y. and Lauryn Werner of Romulus, N.Y., earned the President's Volunteer Service Award for service to their communities in 2023. (Not pictured: Emily Chilson of Sayre, Pa.)*

**Syracuse, N.Y.** (May 30, 2024) — Five Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways (GSNYPENN) Council members earned the President's Volunteer Service Award for service to their communities in 2023, giving 534 collective hours of service. As a certifying organization, GSNYPENN identifies eligible members as potential recipients, verifies their service hours and distributes the awards.

Volunteer service included presenting activities at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo, hosting a tea party for local Girl Scouts, running a maker space at a local school, delivering supplies to area food banks and chaperoning a trip to New York City for older Girl Scouts to attend a United Nations tour to learn about U.N. careers.

"We are very proud of our GSNYPENN Council members who earned President's Volunteer Service Awards this cycle. They truly embody the Girl Scout mission of making the world a better place," says GSNYPENN CEO Julie Dale.

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## **PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS / PG. 2**

The following GSNYPENN members earned President's Volunteer Service Awards:

- Ann Marie Derecola of Syracuse, N.Y. – Adult Level, Bronze, 109 volunteer hours
- Emily Chilson of Sayre, Pa. – Young Adult Level, 171.5 volunteer hours
- Kira Reed of Jamesville, N.Y. – Adult Level, Bronze, 163 volunteer hours
- Rayna Reed of Jamesville, N.Y., a student at Christian Brothers Academy – Teen Level, Gold, 109 volunteer hours
- Lauryn Werner of Romulus, N.Y., a student at Romulus Central School – Teen Level, Bronze, 53 volunteer hours

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes outstanding volunteers within certifying organizations who have earned distinction through community service in a 12-month period or throughout a lifetime. This presidential honor was founded in 2003 by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. The award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too.

GSNYPENN serves Girl Scouts in grades K-12 across 26 counties: Allegany, Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Oswego, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne and Yates in New York and Bradford and Tioga in Pennsylvania. Annual membership is just \$25; financial assistance is available. To start your Girl Scouts adventure, visit [gsnypenn.org/join](https://gsnypenn.org/join). To become an adult volunteer, learn more at [gsnypenn.org/volunteer](https://gsnypenn.org/volunteer). To help make Girl Scouting possible in your community, visit [gsnypenn.org/donate](https://gsnypenn.org/donate).

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

Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls in grades K-12. 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. We offer every girl the chance to practice a lifetime of leadership, adventure and success. GSNYPENN is chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA to administer the Girl Scout program in 24 counties of New York and two in Pennsylvania. Learn more at [gsnypenn.org](https://gsnypenn.org).