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(Please note: Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana maintains primary responsibility for distributing press releases to all major media and community publications. The following template is designed to be shared with churches, alumni and professional associations, as well as personal networks, such as neighbors, coworkers and community boards. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.)

## Local Volunteer Honored for Service to Girl Scouts

Behind every Girl Scout is a passionate volunteer cheering her on. By dedicating their time and energy, volunteers help Girl Scouts create new memories, learn new skills and make new friends that will last a lifetime.

"Every volunteer helps create exceptional experiences that Girl Scouts will never forget," said Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana (GSGCNWI) CEO Nancy Wright. "Whether it's leading a troop every week, helping girls explore nature at camp or facilitating a LEGO robotics workshop, our adult volunteers serve as positive role models every day for our Girl Scouts."

Each spring, GSGCNWI honors these adults with a special recognition ceremony. During the event, volunteers receive honors from Girl Scouts of the USA and the local council for their individual years of service helping to build girls of courage, confidence and character.

[VOLUNTEER NAME] of [NEIGHBORHOOD/CITY NAME], a member of Girl Scout Troop #0000/Service Unit 000, was recognized for [NUMBER] years of service. [LAST NAME] also received [NAME OF AWARD], which [DESCRIPTION OF AWARD].

## "QUOTE," said [VOLUNTEER LAST NAME]. "QUOTE."

Volunteers are an invaluable resource to Girl Scouts, parents and the community. It is through their dedication that girls tap into their full potential. These volunteers maintain the legacy that is Girl Scouting, and they help develop leaders that will shape the future.

Girl Scouts welcomes adults 18 years of age and older, female and male, who are willing to volunteer their time to help mentor girls through the Girl Scout program. Volunteer opportunities exist for event facilitators, troop leaders and more. Free orientation and training sessions are available. To get started, visit <u>www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org</u>, or call 1-855-ILOVEGS (456-8347).

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana impacts the lives of more than 55,400 girls and 21,300 adult members in 245 communities in six Illinois counties (Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kankakee, Lake, and Will) and four Indiana counties (Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter). Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. For more information, visit www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org.