

Because of you,
she's got this.

National Volunteer Month 2021



ADULT
AWARDS

Adult Awards & Recognition

Celebrating Volunteers GS Year 2019-2020

Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi would like to bring attention to the important contributions of volunteers and their service provided free of charge to the communities they serve to face and overcome today's greatest challenges.

Now more than ever, leaders must take the time to honor their community's generous citizens, their incredible efforts to give back, and to transform our nation and our world. Things may look and feel very different right now, but what hasn't changed is the outsized impact volunteers continue to have on girls' lives within the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi (GSGMS) movement. When volunteers take the lead, girls discover that they too can take on leadership roles and change the world.

Girl Scouts of the USA, supporting over 750,000 volunteers nationally, and Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi, supporting over 2000 volunteers regionally, celebrate the powerful, life-changing contributions volunteers make to empower Girl Scouts all year long. No matter what the world throws, volunteers are the ones who keep the Girl Scout spirit strong—and whatever they bring to Girl Scouts at this time, their efforts are incredible and appreciated. Thank you from the Girl Scouts!

All our volunteers' sacrifices and their hard work do not go unnoticed. On behalf of our entire council, we are grateful for the heartfelt giving of yourselves in the service to the girls of this council. Thank you so much, volunteers.

GSUSA Adult Awards

Each year Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi honors their most accomplished volunteers at an annual Adult Awards Ceremony. Because of these uncertain times the ceremony has been postponed. This does not stop the organization from wanting to honor its best and brightest. The following is a list of this year's honorees.

Volunteer of Excellence Award Recipients

The Volunteer of Excellence award recognizes those volunteers within a Service Unit who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through use of the national program portfolio or who have contributed exceptional service in support of the council's mission delivery to girl and adult members.

Service Unit 502, Clinton

Lashonda Gibson

Sharessa Hill

Kim King

Tonya Love

Service Unit 518, West Rankin

Jade Thornton

Service Unit 609, Biloxi

Kim Heady

Jamie-Lynn Hinton

Service Unit 610, Long Beach / Pass Christian

Meredith Ahern DuBois

Maddy Campbell

Kaye Couvillon

Kacey Edwards

Katherine Foster

Casey Funderburk

Miranda Hatfield

Wendy Lacy

Jennifer Larson

Gretchen Loftus

Sabrina Moran

Lauren Newell

Beatriz Shoemaker

Morgan Shoemaker

Jeanne Tagge

Summer Veillon

Service Unit 611, Azalea Pines

Amanda Teachout

Keleigh Versiga

Service Unit 631, Petal / Perry

Jessica Leaman

Patti Slade

Service Unit 635, Ocean Springs

Jessica Douglas

Jaclynn Hinton

Richard LaSalle

Kristina Schoon-Rocco

Service Unit 640, Gautier

Haley Smith

Service Unit 634, Wayne County

Breanna Bonner

Antoinette Heath

Appreciation Award Recipients

The Appreciation Pin recognizes an active Girl Scout volunteer's exemplary service to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This service, which has had a measurable impact on one service unit or geographic area of service, helps reach and surpass the mission-delivery goals of the area.

Ashley Bailey, Service Unit 609, Biloxi

April Brand, Service Unit 624, Dogwood

Laura DeHaan, Service Unit 603, Hancock County

Laura Kloc, Service Unit 610, Long Beach/Pass Christian

Aziza Michael, Service Unit 635, Ocean Springs

Jomiski Nelson, Service Unit 514, Scott County

Leigh Anne Schouest, Service Unit 609, Biloxi

Donna Schultz, Service Unit 635, Ocean Springs

Ryan Stephens, Service Unit 517, Mockingbird

Jimandi Thomas, Service Unit 635, Ocean Springs

Amanda Walker, Service Unit 609, Biloxi

Elizabeth Wright, Service Unit 609, Biloxi

Honor Award Recipients

The Honor Pin recognizes a registered Girl Scout volunteer's exemplary service to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, which has had a measurable impact on two or more service units or geographic areas of service, allowing the council to reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals.

Abbey Dickey, Service Unit 640, Gautier

Thanks Badge

This badge is the highest honor in Girl Scouts. The Thanks Badge honors an individual whose ongoing commitment, leadership, and service have had an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the mission-delivery goals and priorities of the entire council or the entire Girl Scout Movement.

Jenny Carroll, Service Unit 635, Ocean Springs

Melissa Cook, Service Unit 635, Ocean Springs

Lisa Sawyer, Service Unit 609, Biloxi

Volunteer Years of Service Award Recipients

This pin recognizes an adult member registered with Girl Scouts of the USA for her/his years of active volunteer service. The significance and impact of Girl Scout volunteers cannot simply be measured in years of service but in the multitude of young women whose lives are enriched by the extraordinary dedication of their leaders.

5 Years of Service

Ashlynn Arrington, Service Unit 631 Petal / Perry

Emily Beck, Service Unit 634, Wayne Co.

Crystal Ross, Service Unit 631, Petal / Perry

Erica Williams, Service Unit 631, Petal / Perry

10 Years of Service

Kevin Bullard, Service Unit 639, Longleaf

Michelle Gill, Service Unit 624, Dogwood

Rita Shaw, Service Unit 624, Dogwood

15 Years of Service

Sammie Bullard, Service Unit 639, Longleaf

20 Years of Service

Jean “Babs” Pfarrer, Service Unit 609, Biloxi

Linda Uren, Service Unit 609, Biloxi

25 Years of Service

Patt Ellis, Service Unit 639, Longleaf

Garay Esters, Service Unit 503, Central Jackson

35 Years of Service

Edna Harris, Service Unit 503, Central Jackson

Congratulations volunteers!

Keeping up with girls’ ever-changing needs isn’t always easy, but because of you, we’ve got this!

Today’s girls need inspiration. They need role models and mentors. They need a sounding board for their innovative ideas and the knowledge that they’ll help bounce back if their plans don’t work out.

Girl Scouts can give them all this and more, thanks to the incredible efforts of our volunteers.

Your efforts help girls continue to grow in Courage, Confidence, and Character. Together, through Girl Scouting, you help to make the World A Better Place.

Remember. Recognition doesn’t always have to be in the form of an award. Join us in saying “thank you” to as many volunteers as you can who share the Girl Scout Leadership Experience with girls and young women across Greater Mississippi.