

300 NEW JERSEY GIRLS EARN GIRL SCOUT'S HIGHEST HONORS

The Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ (GSCSNJ) is proud to recognize 300 girls who were honored for their completion of a Girl Scout Gold, Girl Scout Silver, or Outstanding Girl Scout Award. Girl Scout Award honorees received their awards on Sunday, June 5 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the absolute highest achievement that a Girl Scout can earn. This award is earned by a high school Girl Scout through a Service project, a seven-step project that must identify an issue, take action, change the world, and make a sustainable impact for years to come. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scout Gold Award, a special milestone for the organization and awardees over the years. The Girl Scout Silver Award is earned through a project similar to the Gold Award, however these girls are in 6-8th grade and the project requires less hours to complete the award. The Outstanding Girl Scout Awards highlight top cookie, magazine, and nut sellers.

Some of the projects highlighted this year were: Weather Proof Sleep Mats for the Homeless, Outdoor Yoga Classroom, Implementation of American Sign Language in the First Grade Curriculum, Raising a Seeing Eye Dog, Robotics for All, Empowerment of Women in STEM, and Diabetes Nutrition & Knowledge.

Ginny Marino, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Central and Southern NJ, shared some proud remarks, "The awards that we present today are a symbol of recognition and we celebrate today girls who not only practice the Girl Scout mission, but exemplify it. Girls, through your service projects and the awards you receive today, you have unleashed your potential, and are making a true impact." Each project will continue to impact the local communities, as a requirement of the service projects is sustainability.

Girl Scouts of the USA will hold a special Centennial Event June 14th on Capitol Hill recognizing and celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the Girl Scout Gold Award. Eight Girl Scouts from all over the country will present their Gold Award project and community impact to major brands, government officials, and fellow Girl Scouts.

About Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ, Inc.

GSCSNJ is the premier organization serving 19,000 girls in over nine counties. GSCSNJ shapes leaders for tomorrow by empowering girls to take on bold challenges, discover their own passions and strengths, act with character, and engage fully in fun, relevant experiences that encourage friendships and build life-long skills. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to GSCSNJ, call (800) 582-7692 or visit www.gscsnj.org. You can also connect with GSCSNJ on Facebook.com/GSCSNJ or Twitter @GSCSNJ.