

2023-24 Volunteer Recognition Honorees Approved by the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Board of Directors

Appreciation Pin

The Girl Scouts of the USA Appreciation Pin recognizes volunteers actively giving outstanding service in support of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in at least one geographic area or program delivery audience. The Appreciation Pin requires two nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends the following 38 volunteers for the Appreciation Pin:

Karla Alfred, Holliston
Melissa Basmaji, Marlborough
Michelle Bedy, Groton
Conevery Bolton Valencious, Quincy
Kimberlee Burton, South Boston
Samantha Charette, Lowell
Diane Courtney, Lynnfield
Catherine Ehret, Holliston
Fabienne Eliacian, Hyde Park
Jannell Evans, Woburn
Barbara Gibbs, Hyde Park
Heather Grimmett, Wayland
Katrina Wilcox Hagberg, Littleton
Jane Hamel, Medford
Allie Hamner, Danvers
Ashley Hasling, Haverhill
Cheryl Iverson, Stoughton
Meredith Keybl, Concord
Astride Lisenby, Medford

Ann Mark, Braintree
Angela McIntosh, Reading
Melissa Miller, Middleboro
Amy Mills, Holbrook
Melissa Purnell, Marlborough
Jennifer Ramirez, Maynard
Amy Reimann, Acton
Melissa Scartissi, Hanson
Melissa Schoenfeld, Concord
Rebecca Scott, Medford
Courtney Scott, South Boston
Jennifer Sears, Stoughton
Michelle Shoemaker, Acton
Tammy Smith, Lowell
Laura Rankin, Taunton
Evelyn Thibault, Holliston
Jennifer Tomase, Stoneham
Karla Torres-Welch, East Boston
Kay Wilson, Haverhill

Honor Pin

The Girl Scouts of the USA Honor Pin recognizes volunteers actively giving outstanding service in support of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in two or more geographic areas. The Honor Pin requires two nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends the following five volunteers for the Honor Pin; an asterisk indicates they are also recommended for another council recognition this year, noted elsewhere:

Katherine Durant, Canton*
Jennifer Klopotoski, Gloucester
Betsy Nunes, Peabody

Holly Garcia, Everett
Gena Sullivan, North Andover

Sustained Service

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Sustained Service Awards recognize volunteers actively giving service to Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts for five or more consecutive years since receiving their last formal Girl Scouts of the USA volunteer recognition. The Sustained Service Award requires two nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends six volunteers for the Five-Year Sustained Service Award for their continued performance at a level that exceeds the expectations of their position description since receiving their last GSUSA volunteer recognition:

Kathleen Guinee, Acton-Boxborough
April Kelly-Oster, Walpole
Laurie Magee, Foxborough

Kelly Moore, Hingham
Holly Murray, Maynard
Andrea Parent, Waltham

Lifetime of Service Award

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Lifetime of Service Award recognizes adult volunteers who have championed the mission of Girl Scouting through long-term commitment and exemplary work at the troop, service unit or council level for fifteen or more years. The Lifetime of Service Award requires two nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends six volunteers for the Lifetime of Service Award in recognition of their exceptional life-long commitment to the Girl Scout mission:

Maureen Buckley, Stoneham
Brenda Gaynor, Nahant
Jeanne Hobbs, Lexington

Wynelle Hummel, Woburn
Cathy LeBlanc, Burlington
Gail Spring, Quincy

Red Rose Award

The Red Rose Award recognizes a volunteer who actively demonstrates exemplary commitment to the Girl Scout values of diversity, equity and inclusion in support of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in one or more geographic areas. The Red Rose Award invokes the memory of the Red Rose Troop, the first Girl Scout troop in Eastern Massachusetts and the third in the nation. This troop was started by Emma Hall and, in 1913, was the first nationally to welcome Black girls. This troop demonstrates that from the beginning of the Movement, Eastern Massachusetts has been deeply committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion for all girls; this award recognizes the volunteers who carry that commitment forward. The Red Rose Award requires two nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends the following two volunteers for the Red Rose Award for their outstanding commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in Girl Scouting and their community; an asterisk indicates they are also recommended for another council recognition this year, noted elsewhere:

Felicia Beaton, Peabody
Katherine Durant, Canton*

Thanks Badge

The Girl Scouts of the USA Thanks Badge recognizes volunteers whose ongoing commitment, leadership and service have an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the mission-delivery goals and priorities of the entire council or Girl Scout Movement. The Thanks Badge requires two nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends the following two volunteers for the Thanks Badge:

Jessi Robinson, Bridgewater
Marielle Thorne, Hingham

Thanks Badge II

The Girl Scouts of the USA Thanks Badge II is awarded to prior Thanks Badge recipients who have continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role, resulting in measurable impact that benefits the entire council or the Girl Scout Movement. The Thanks Badge II requires three nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends the following three volunteers for the Thanks Badge II:

Jen Coombs, Arlington
Deb Holland, Lexington
Peg Juppe, Waltham

President's Award

The President's Award recognizes a geographic area service unit, service-delivery team or committee whose exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience surpassed team goals and resulted in significant, measurable impact toward reaching the council's overall goals. The President's Award requires one nomination and three endorsements and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Board of Directors.

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Volunteer Recognition Committee is pleased to recommend four groups for the President's Award:

Billerica Service Unit
GSEMA First Aid Instructors
GSEMA Travel Consultants
Whitman/Hanson Service Unit