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## **Girl Scouts Honors Dedicated Volunteers**

*2018 Volunteer Awards will be presented on April 7 at annual event*

WICHITA, Kan. – Twenty Southwestern Kansas residents will be recognized at our Annual Meeting and Recognition Breakfast on April 7 with special awards from Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland for their extraordinary service as volunteers.

Every day, Girl Scout volunteers are helping girls blossom into their true potential by providing the environment they need to pursue the interests, causes, and leadership roles that matter most to them. Our dedicated volunteers ensure girls are standing up, standing out, and standing tall in every aspect of their lives in a girl-led and girl-only environment. We are proud to take time each year at our Annual Meeting and Recognition Breakfast to honor these community champions.

“Our volunteers dedicate their time and talents to empowering girls to take the lead and make a difference in their communities,” said Liz Workman, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland. “They are key to our mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.”

Southwest Kansas residents who received awards from Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland include:

**Appreciation Pin – For excellent service in delivering the Girl Scout mission to one or more geographic areas**

- Deb Travers of Garden City, Leader of Troop 10607
- Don Woosley of Garden City, Leader of Troop 60102
- Tina Russell of Dodge City, Leader of Troop 11010

**Honor Pin – For exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, which has had a measureable impact on two or more geographic areas**

- Connie Allen of Syracuse, Leader of Troop 60036

**Volunteer of Excellence Award – For outstanding service working with girls or supporting the council's mission**

- Ann Spindler of Dodge City, Leader of Troop 60504
- Antonia Crawford of Moscow, Leader of Troop 60077
- Barbara Purcell of Satanta, Leader of Troop 60030
- Carrie Hardy of Dighton, Leader of Troop 60027
- Cassandra Zwegardt of Montezuma, Leader of Troop 60024
- Jade Yaeger of Scott City, Leader of Troop 60177
- Jandi Owens of Syracuse, Leader of Troop 10604
- Jennifer Nolan of Dodge City, Leader of Troop 60538
- Kasey Eveleigh of Ulysses, Leader of Troop 60035
- Kimberly Becker of Cimarron, Leader of Troop 11031
- Laclifta Cauthon of Sublette, Leader of Troop 60139
- Mandy McHone of Garden City, Leader of Troop 60103
- Mathais Woosley of Garden City, Leader of Troop 60105
- Melody Sanchez of Lakin, Leader of Troop 60143
- Sarah Woosley of Garden City, Leader of Troop 60103
- Shelly Rowson of Liberal, Leader of Troop 60524

To become a Girl Scout volunteer and make a difference in the lives of local girls, go to [kansasgirlscouts.org](http://kansasgirlscouts.org) or call (888) 686-6468 for more information.

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**About Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland**

*Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland serves more than 14,500 girls and adults in 80 Kansas counties through its operational headquarters in Wichita, Kan., and regional offices in Salina, Hays, Emporia and Garden City. Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development and is the pre-eminent leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.*