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Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Honors 2017-18 Gold Award Recipients

WICHITA, Kan. — Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland honored three new Girl Scout Gold Award recipients during the Recognition Breakfast and Annual Meeting on April 7, two awardees from South Central and one from Northwest Kansas.

Earning the Gold Award is one of the most challenging, exciting and rewarding experiences a Girl Scout can have and one of the most prestigious recognitions she'll accomplish. The Girl Scout Gold Award stands as the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn, comparable to the Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scouts. The award recognizes girls in grades 9 through 12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through Take Action projects that have a sustainable impact in their communities and beyond. Girl Scout Gold Award recipients who join the armed forces enter one rank higher than other recruits, and they qualify for exclusive scholarships.

"Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award is truly a remarkable achievement, and the young women who earn this award exemplify leadership in all of its forms," said Liz Workman, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland. "They saw a need in their communities and around the world, and took action. Their extraordinary dedication, perseverance and leadership are making the world a better place."

Alexandra Corns of Wichita chose to address the cycle of child abuse with the "It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Child" project. Corns created and donated relief bags to charities for immediate aid to victims. But to ensure long term and sustainable assistance, she developed a video and lecture series aimed at training EMT classes in best practices on responding to abuse cases. In addition, she launched a website for educational support and to spread awareness. The project earned her a grant from the Disney Foundation/Youth Service League to further her mission.

"The time and money management skills I gained through this project and practicing how to spend responsibly and handle a long-term project are experiences I would have been hard-pressed to find anywhere else," Corns said.

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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.



About the Girl Scout Gold Award

Since 1916, Girl Scouts have been making meaningful, sustainable change in their communities and around the world. The Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn, acknowledges the power behind each recipient's dedication to not only empowering and bettering herself, but also to making the world a better place for others. These young women are courageous leaders and visionary change makers. *They are our future, and it looks bright!*

