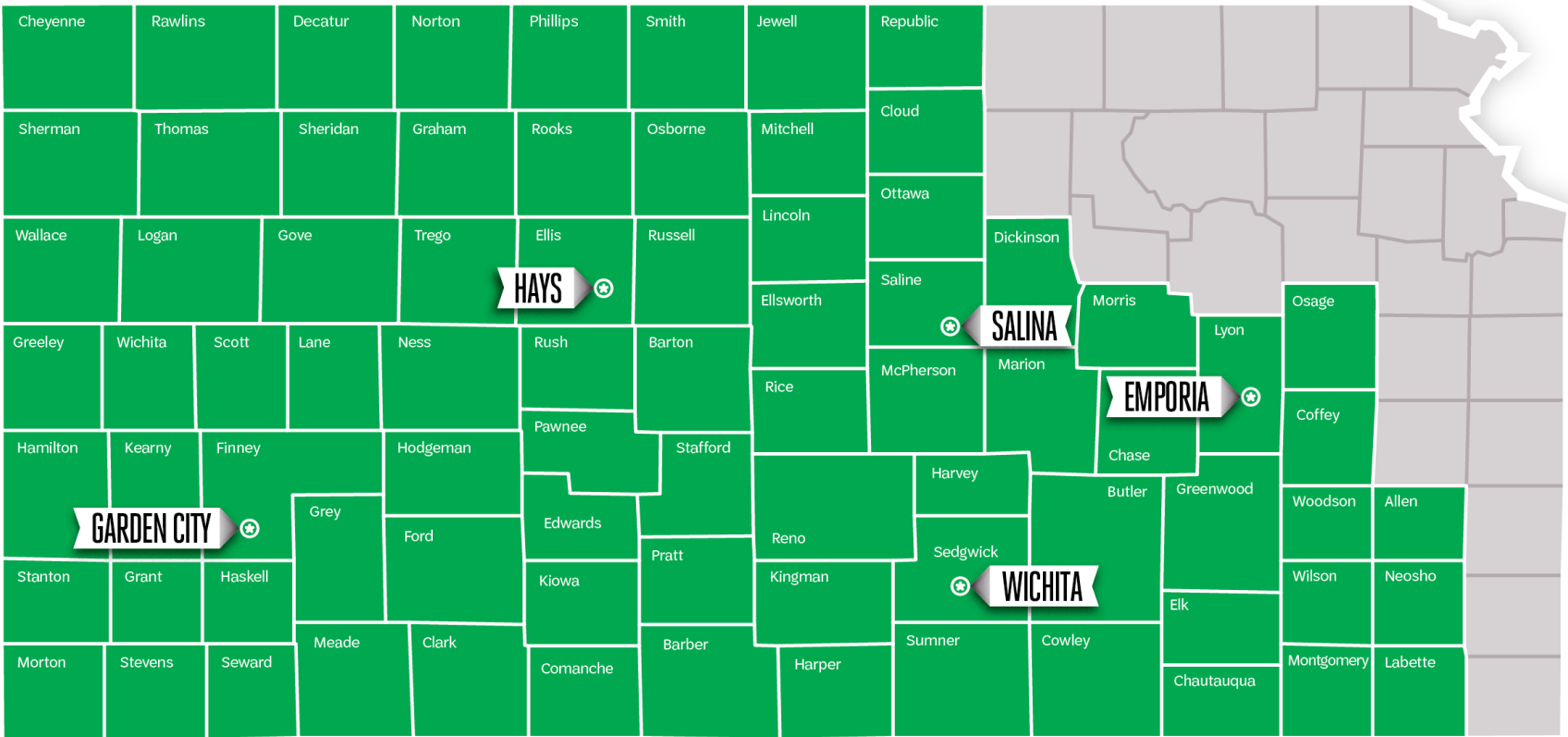




Girl Scout Volunteer Support Specialists

*We have to do what we can to help wherever
and whenever it is possible for us to help. –
Jackie Chan (That's where we come in...)*

Our Council



Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland is 80 counties in Kansas, with 5 offices.

Volunteer Support



Laurie Gonsalves
Volunteer Support
Manager
Wichita

I grew up as a Kansas Girl Scout. When I was little my mom was my troop leader. I remember growing up and having hundreds of cases of cookies all over our living room as my mom sorted them for different people to come and pick up. I later joined another troop and had the pleasure of completing my Silver Award.

I have two daughters who joined Girl Scouts as soon as they were old enough. I volunteered with my oldest daughter's troop for several years and later had the fun of becoming the troop leader/cookie manager/FOS manager for my youngest daughter's troop. My family has had so many fun filled adventures and experiences with Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland! We have enjoyed traveling to Belize, Savannah, and Texas as well as the numerous sleepovers held at various local business partners.

On a personal note, between my husband and I, we have 5 daughters, 1 son, and 4 grandchildren. Outside of Girl Scouts, I enjoy attending my children's different sporting and other extracurricular activities. I also enjoy volunteering in our community, gardening, traveling, and spending time with family and our two dogs.

I am a strong supporter of the Girl Scout Mission and love the opportunities it provides to girls all over Kansas. I am passionate about helping troop leaders have a great experience in delivering our mission!

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I am a third generation Girl Scout – my mom was my troop leader and her mom before her. Then, my daughter became the fourth generation with me stepping in to become her troop leader. That experience was so rewarding that when she was a Brownie, I told my husband that the only thing that would make the experience better was to get paid for it. It was a few short months later than I became a staff member. I've been on staff with Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland for many years serving as a support staff to volunteers and troops across the state.

Girl Scouts has been a key part of my life with my earliest memory being a father/daughter banquet that my two dads took me to. I was the only Brownie in the room with two daddy's at that time and I was so proud! Being a Girl Scout girl and adult has taught me so many life lessons, given me great opportunities and best of all, I've got friends and sisters everywhere!

On a personal note, I married to my high school sweetheart Duane and we have beautiful daughter, Samantha. My outside of work activities include church social events, time with family and friends, social media and watching reality television shows.

Monica Legleiter
Volunteer Development
Specialist
Hays

Volunteer Support



My name is Angela Cheever and I've worked for Girl Scouts since 2005. Before I worked for Girl Scouts, I was a troop leader for 3 years so when a staff position became available, it was a natural transition. I've been married to my husband Zeke since 1992 and we have two daughters (Kelsey and Emily), a son-in-law (Josh) and two grandchildren (Haven and Summer). Our family has been very active in Girl Scouts through the years. Zeke volunteers to help with Girl Scout Mother/Daughter Camp, Mall Madness and Emporia day camp. Kelsey is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts and has served as Troop Leader and Troop Cookie Manager. Emily is also a lifetime member of Girl Scouts and enjoys working with younger Girl Scouts and their moms at Mother/Daughter Camp. Our family believes in the Girl Scout Mission and loves to see girls grow through their experiences with Girl Scouts.

Angela Cheever
Volunteer Support Specialist
Emporia

Volunteer Support



Ginger Sandell
Volunteer Support Specialist
Garden City

I started my Girl Scout experience as a Brownie in a small town in New Mexico. We camped out in our leader's backyard almost every weekend and learned something new every time. I became a troop leader 13 years ago. My daughter came home with a flyer in hand and that is how my journey began. First, as a parent volunteer and then as a co-leader. Although I am only a volunteer with the same troop now, that leader and I have been best friends since the beginning.

I live my life every day by the Girl Scout Promise and the Law. I have worked for Girl Scouts for almost five years. I started in Customer Care/ Retail and now I am excited to be part of the Volunteer Support Team. It feels like a natural transition as I am a natural "helper." I really like to help leaders, volunteers, and parents but especially the girls!

I am married to my best friend and we have four children, three grown and one at home. I have three grandchildren. My son is a high school football player! I have a few passions in my life: my son and his high school football team are right at the top with Girl Scouts, my family and my horse.

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Hello! My name is Gretchen Jennings. My passion for working with kids started when I enrolled at Fort Hays State University. I graduated from Fort Hays with a Criminal Justice Degree with an emphasis in Juvenile Justice. I joke now, because originally I wanted to work with troubled children, but now I get to work with AWESOME Girls and WONDERFUL Volunteers!

I have been on staff with GSKH for several years working in the Hays shop, answering the phones, being the council designee for troop checking accounts, plus the many other jobs I took on.

I was a Girl Scout Brownie for 2 years in Plainville, KS and absolutely loved it! I made new friends and grew closer with my current friends. I have a beautiful daughter, Kadalen, who keeps me busy and I love it! She is an avid dancer and volleyball player. She was a Girl Scout for 4 years and learned so many new and exciting things. In my spare time I love spending time with my family and my Mini Aussie, working out in my yard, running, gardening, and attending dirt track races at the local track in Hays, KS.

**Gretchen Jennings
Volunteer Support Specialist
Hays**

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Tammy Plowman
Volunteer Support Specialist
Wichita

Girl Scouts became a part of my life at a very early age as a Brownie in the Silver Sage Girl Scout Council in Oregon and continued a few more years once I moved to the Flint Hills Girl Scout Council in Kansas. Both of my teenage daughters started as Daisies and one has now bridged to an Adult Lifetime Girl Scout. Enjoying the time with my girls was a great benefit as I started as a Troop Support Volunteer which evolved into the Cookie Manager of three troops. I was affectionately known as the “Cookie Lady.” Soon I found myself a leader of a multi-level, multi-school troop of great girls. Continuing to be involved by volunteering at the Council was just a part of our whole family’s passion. My husband volunteers just as much as me. We both volunteered at the cookie cupboard and many events. Now I have the great pleasure to share my experiences and passion with other volunteers as a member of the staff at GSKH!

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Dania Laubach
Volunteer Support Specialist
Wichita

My Mother, Aunt and Grandmother were in the Bluebirds and Campfire Girls; however, I am a first generation Girl Scout, joining late in Brownies in Wisconsin, and finding a solid troop in Colorado, where I participated from Junior into the first year of Cadettes. After college, I was excited to jump back into Girls Scouts as a volunteer, which led me to accepting a position as a Camp Counselor and Arts & Crafts/Environmental Education Coordinator for Camp Cedar Point in Southern Illinois in the summer of 2014. That summer experience is what reignited the campfire in my heart. I dove in head first, learning all the songs, games, and rules, as well as, studying as much of the camp history and Girl Scout history as possible. Between then and now I helped out with as many Girl Scout events as I could and bought as many cookies as my wallet would allow. I love working with the girls, parents, and volunteers and am looking forward to working with the current and future Troop Leaders and Service Units in the Kansas Heartland. Outside of the Girl Scouts, I enjoy reading, crafting, writing, and organic gardening. My husband, Tony, and I enjoy geocaching as a way to explore Wichita. We and our five (yes, five) cats are looking forward to making Wichita our “put down roots” home.



**Thank you for
beginning this great
adventure!**

*We've been helping girls
shine for over 100 years.
Now YOU are part of that light.*