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**GIRL SCOUTS OF EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS HONORS VOLUNTEERS FOR
LONGTIME DEDICATION TO GIRL SCOUT COMMUNITY**

BOSTON, MA (May 1, 2019) — Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) was pleased to recognize extraordinary local volunteers at the council's annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on May 4, 2019, at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel. More than 100 individuals and three service units (a group of volunteers representing a town or several towns) from across eastern Massachusetts were honored for their longstanding service to the Girl Scouting community.

Highest honors at GSEMA's 2019 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon included:

Thanks Badge

Honors an individual whose ongoing commitment, leadership, and service have had an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the mission-delivery goals and priorities of the council or Girl Scout Movement.

- Carol Sapoznik, Brookline
- Anne Valade, North Reading

Thanks Badge II

Honors a previous Thanks Badge recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role, resulting in a measurable impact that benefits the council or Girl Scout Movement.

- Cathy LeBlanc, Burlington
- Lesley Murray, Acton
- Karolyn "Kal" Ricker, Lynn

Helen Storrow Award

Recognizes registered Girl Scout individuals or committees who have contributed to the growth and strength of GSEMA through their philanthropy and efforts to preserve the council's vast Girl Scout history.

- Nancy Marshall, Arlington
- Patricia Parcellin, Bridgton, ME

“Our Girl Scout volunteers are incredibly special people who are making a lasting impact on the next generation of girls. They are mentors, teachers, role models, and cheerleaders who dedicate countless hours to giving girls the unique experience of a supportive, all-girl environment where they can take healthy risks, dream big, and learn to lead,” said Carrie Weatherbee, Chief Membership Services Officer, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. “We’re so grateful to the more than 15,000 dedicated local individuals who believe so deeply in our mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character and make the world a better place, and it is an honor to celebrate them.”

Nominated by their peers and council staff, GSEMA volunteers were recognized for actively giving outstanding service in support of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. All awards require one nomination, one endorsement, and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts’ Board of Directors. To learn how to volunteer and make a difference in a girl’s life, please visit gsema.org.

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We're Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) We're 45,000 strong, with 30,000 girls and 15,000 volunteers in 178 communities in eastern Massachusetts who believe in the power of every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)[™] to change the world. Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. GSEMA is the 10th largest Girl Scout council in the United States, building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. To volunteer, reconnect, donate, join, or learn more, visit gsema.org.