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Jenna Wingerter from Elk Grove receives the Girl Scout Gold Award... the highest individual achievement in Girl Scouting

Glen Carbon, Illinois -- The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois (GSSI) is pleased to announce that Jenna Wingerter of Chester has received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can receive.

For her Girl Scout Gold Award project, called "G.B.T.S. Give Back to Seniors," Jenna planned and conducted a senior citizen Walk-A-Thon and senior citizens trivia day. According to Ms. Wingerter, she chose G.B.T.S. as her Girl Scout Gold Award project to help younger generations and older generations from Chester to be more involved with each other and better understand each other. "I believe my Girl Scout Gold Award project has made a difference in my community and has opened the eyes of a lot of people and showed them how important our older generation is and all they have done for Chester," Ms. Wingerter added.

Jenna is the daughter of Jo Anne and Robert Wingerter from Elk Grove. She is currently a senior at Chester High School. After graduation, she plans to attend either John A. Logan College or Southwestern Illinois College and would like to become a school counselor or social worker.

The Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn, recognizes a Girl Scout's commitment to excellence as she develops skills and values to meet present and future challenges in her life. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, a Girl Scout Senior or Girl Scout Ambassador must design and carry out a project that fulfills a need within a girl's community, creates change, and is sustainable. The project must be completed with a suggested minimum of 80 hours of work. Only about 6 percent of eligible girls earn the prestigious Gold Award.

Today, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. is the largest voluntary organization for girls in the world. Its sole focus is to meet the needs of all girls (ages 5-17) from diverse racial, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Today's Girl Scouts not only enjoy camping and crafts, but they also explore math and science and learn about diversity, good citizenship, leadership and teamwork. Girl Scouting is the place where girls experience the fun, friendship and power of girls together.

The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois is a not-for-profit organization supported by various United Ways throughout the region. The Girl Scouts is a Proud Partner of United Way. For more information, please call Erin Johnson at 618.692.0692.

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