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Alicia Notter receives Girl Scout Gold Award...the highest individual achievement in Girl Scouting

Glen Carbon, Illinois -- The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois is pleased to announce that Alicia Notter from Columbia earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can receive.

For her Girl Scout Gold Award project, Alicia started an “Adopt-a-Grandparent” project that connected elderly members of the Columbia Convalescent Center with teens from St. Paul United Church of Christ for cross-generation communication and companionship. Alicia conducted surveys to maximize compatibility between matches and organized activities that helped participants have fun and get to know each other. She felt that her project allowed nursing home residents to feel more connected to the community while sharing their knowledge and wisdom with the youth. Through her project, Alicia learned that “there is only one happiness in life – to love and be loved.” Alicia is the daughter of Gary and Debbie Notter. She is currently attending St. Louis Community College.

The Girl Scout Gold Award recognizes Girl Scouts who have committed themselves to applying the skills and values they have developed into a plan to make the world a better place. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, a Girl Scout Senior or Girl Scout Ambassador devotes significant time and effort to a project she feels passionate about, cultivates her leadership skills and inspires others to improve and enrich their lives and their communities. Only about 5 percent of eligible girls earn the prestigious Gold Award.

The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois serves approximately 15,000 girls and 4,800 adult volunteers in 40 ½ counties in southern Illinois. Girl Scouting has inspired more than 50 million girls and women since its founding in 1912. As the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting approaches, councils nationwide are joining in a historic organizational transformation centered around the best leadership development experience for girls in

the 21st century, while ensuring the traditions and values that have been core to Girl Scouting since its beginning remain strong and relevant.

For more information, please call Jay Strobel at 618.692-0692 or e-mail at jstrobel@gsofsi.org

The Girl Scout Mission:

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

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