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Julianne Reynolds 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 Julianne Reynolds from O'Fallon earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can receive.

For her Girl Scout Gold Award project, Julianne donated homemade fleece blankets for St. Louis Children's Hospital. Julianne remembered that the kindness of strangers often cheered her sister who had been in and out of hospitals with leukemia when they were children and wanted to share that same compassion. To do so, Julianne coordinated community donations of fleece and then held a workshop in which volunteers assembled the blankets while learning more about the impact of childhood cancer. "I think out of all the things I learned, the most astounding and gratifying lesson was that people will always surprise you with their generosity," said Julianne. "It was heartwarming to see the number of people who donated fleece, but even more so, the people who sacrificed their free time on a Saturday afternoon to cut and tie blankets." Julianne is the daughter of Loriann and Dave Reynolds. She is currently attending O'Fallon Township High School.

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 by e-mail at jstrobel@gssofsi.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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