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Tracy Cantrell 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 Tracy Cantrell from Troy earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can receive.

For her Girl Scout Gold Award project, Tracy held a community-wide "Think Green Day!" event to address the issue of environmental preservation. Tracy first taught local Girl Scout troops about current environmental issues; these troops then designed informational posters that were used during her program. At the event, participants discussed current and potential environmental problems and their possible solutions. Guest speakers educated the audience about eco-friendly alternatives in everyday living. Each participant was issued a recycling guide and a reusable shopping bag to aid their greener lifestyle. From her project, Tracy gained a deeper understanding of a favorite quote from spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi: "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Tracy is the daughter of Lori and Gary Cantrell. She is currently a junior at Triad 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@gsfsi.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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