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Dixie Travelstead selected as Board of Director member for *Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois*

Glen Carbon, Illinois – Dixie Travelstead, from Du Quoin, has been selected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois (GSSI) Board of Directors. In her role as a GSSI board member, Ms. Travelstead is working with a group of dedicated volunteers in assisting the Girl Scouts in policy making, strategic planning and governance.

Dixie is not new to Girl Scouting as she has served as a troop leader and Girl Scout Cookie Chair for 10 years. In addition, she was also an alumni board member for Girl Scouts of Shagbark Council.

The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois became operational on October 1, with the successful merging of the Girl Scouts of River Bluffs and the Girl Scouts of Shagbark councils. GSSI is a high-capacity Girl Scout council serving approximately 16,000 girls and 4,800 adult volunteers in 40 ½ counties in southern Illinois. This restructuring is part of a national Girl Scouts of the USA initiative to create councils that are well equipped to provide compelling, contemporary and relevant experiences that meet the needs of girls in today's fast-changing world.

Girl Scouting has inspired more than 50 million girls and women since its founding in 1912. As we approach the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting, 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.

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 Jay Strobel at (618) 692-0692 or Tricia Higgins at (618) 242-5079.

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

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