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Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois holds Annual Meeting *Two Girl Scouts named to Board of Directors*

Glen Carbon, Illinois – The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois (GSSI) held its 1st Annual Meeting on March 27 at the Fountains Conference Center in Fairview Heights, Illinois. During the meeting, approximately 200 Girl Scout delegates from throughout southern Illinois elected Board of Director members, received a “State of the Council” report from Rebecca A. Clark, Board of Director Chair, and Villie M. Appoo, GSSI Chief Executive Officer. In addition, the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois recognized top volunteers and named their President’s Award winner, which this year was awarded to Service Unit 511 from Effingham.

Two outstanding Girl Scouts were also selected as ex officio girl members to the GSSI Board of Directors...they are Eden Sell from Scott AFB and Jordan Rankin from Carbondale. Both Eden and Jordan will

attend GSSI Board of Director meetings and share their Girl Scout experiences and thoughts on how to provide better leadership programs and services to all girls in southern Illinois.

“I am very pleased to have these two young women on our Board of Directors,” said Villie M. Appoo, GSSI Chief Executive Officer. Their ideas and feedback will be invaluable as the Board of Directors works to provide leadership opportunities and services to all girls in southern Illinois and move GSSI from Good to Great,” Appoo added.

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 14,500 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 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.

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

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